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House Bill 4078

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Requires a study and a task force to help prepare for a system for student information. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

[Digest: Directs ODE to create and use a method for electronic student data. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).]

[Directs the Department of Education to develop and implement a standardized method to be used by school districts and the department to electronically create, collect, use, maintain, disclose, transfer and access student data. Prescribes requirements of the method.]

[Takes effect July 1, 2024.]

Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to conduct a study on the creation of a statewide student information system for use in the public schools of this state for students from kindergarten through grade 12. Requires the director to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2024.

Establishes the Task Force on a Statewide Student Information System. Directs the task force to review the study conducted by the director and to make recommendations for the creation of a statewide student information system for use in the public schools of this state for students from kindergarten through grade 12. Requires the task force to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than December 31, 2024.

Declares an emergency effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to student data; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall conduct a study on the creation of a statewide student information system for use in the public schools of this state for students from kindergarten through grade 12.

(2) The goals of a statewide student information system must be to:

(a) Ease the transfer of student education records;

(b) Ease the submission of data to the Department of Education; and

(c) Allow for the interoperability of the system with the system that is used for electronic school health records.

(3) As part of the study conducted under this section, the director shall ensure that the following are examined:

(a) Existing student information systems that school districts in this state are currently using.

(b) The benefits of a statewide student information system for both students and school staff in states that use a statewide student information system.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(c) Implementation timelines in states that put into effect a statewide student information system.

(d) Alternatives to a statewide student information system that would provide similar benefits to the statewide student information system, including allowing for the instant transfer of student records and easing the reporting burdens of school administrators.

(e) Estimates of the potential range of costs of a statewide student information system and one identified alternative to the system, to the extent practicable.

(f) The Juvenile Justice Information System as an example of a system that may be used in the creation of a statewide student information system.

(g) The incorporation of individualized education programs into a statewide student information system, with consideration given to the benefits to students and staff of having a statewide system for individualized education programs. For the purpose of this paragraph, the director shall identify which states are currently using a statewide system for individualized education programs and shall review any relevant fact-finding made regarding the provision of special education and related services in this state.

(h) The incorporation into a statewide student information system of student medical alerts, immunization records and other health data necessary for state reporting.

(4) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the director in the performance of the duties described in this section and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the director considers necessary to perform those duties.

(5) The director shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 3. (1) The Task Force on a Statewide Student Information System is established.

(2) The task force consists of 16 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint to the task force the chairperson of the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint to the task force the chairperson of the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the following 14 members:

(A) A representative of a statewide organization that represents school administrators;

(B) A representative of a statewide organization that primarily represents licensed teachers;

(C) A representative of a statewide organization that primarily represents classified educators and educator staff;

(D) A representative of a statewide organization of school business officials in this state;

(E) A representative of a statewide organization that represents education service districts;

(F) A representative of a statewide organization that represents school boards;

(G) A representative of the Oregon Youth Authority;

(H) A county juvenile department director;
(I) An expert on the statewide longitudinal data system;

(J) A representative of the office of Enterprise Information Services established in the
Oregon Department of Administrative Services;

(K) A representative of a statewide organization that represents school nurses;

(L) A representative of school health providers other than nurses;

(M) A member recommended by the Governor; and

(N) A parent or guardian of a child with an individualized education program.

(3) The task force shall review the study conducted under section 1 of this 2024 Act and
make recommendations for the creation of a statewide student information system for use
in the public schools of this state for students from kindergarten through grade 12. The
statewide student information system must allow school districts and the Department of
Education to electronically collect, use, maintain, disclose, transfer, protect and access stu-
dent data.

(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
of business.

(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
of the task force.

(6) The members of the task force who are members of the Legislative Assembly shall
be the cochairpersons of the task force.

(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
ment to become immediately effective.

(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the
cochairpersons or of a majority of the members of the task force.

(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
Assembly related to education no later than December 31, 2024.

(11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task
force.

(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
force.

(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 5. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
on its passage.