

HB 4078 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Education to establish a statewide method for the creation and retention of student records.

Detailed Summary

Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and implement a standardized method for creating and maintaining student records. Requires the method to:

- facilitate student transfers;
- allow school districts to maximize Medicaid billing;
- minimize school district reporting requirements;
- minimize records duplication; and
- facilitate access by ODE for research purposes.

Outlines minimum types of information to be collected and maintained, including students' individualized education program (IEP) records. Requires ODE to provide training for school district personnel. Allows ODE to contract the development of the method and requires that the method replace methods currently in use at the local level to create and maintain student records. Requires statewide implementation by September 1, 2034.

Requires ODE to establish a technical advisory committee to assist in the development and implementation of the new method. Establishes membership and responsibilities of technical advisory committee. Includes conforming amendments to current law.

Takes effect July 1, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of better record-keeping for students
- Provisions of amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires study and task force.

Detailed Summary

Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Director to undertake a study of the state's current methods for creating and maintaining student records and establishes a task force to review the study and make recommendations to the legislature.

-2 Replaces the measure. Requires study and task force.

Detailed Summary

Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Director to undertake a study of the state's current methods for creating and maintaining student records and establishes a task force to review the study and make recommendations to the legislature. Differs from the -1 amendment by allowing task force to begin meeting earlier, modifying the scope of the study, and modifying the membership of the task force.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, each school district in Oregon selects its own student information system to track student demographic and achievement information. Students who transfer from one school district to another do not always have the ability to have their records transfer electronically. In addition, when ODE requires information from school districts, district administrators must take action to send information to the department. A statewide student information system could facilitate transfers of student records and may allow ODE to access information as needed with minimal effort from local administrators.

In the *J.N. v. ODE* class-action lawsuit, the neutral expert hired by the court to investigate the use of abbreviated school days in Oregon recommended creation and implementation of a statewide IEP system in their June 2022 report.