

A-Engrossed House Bill 2453

Ordered by the House April 11
Including House Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Representative NERON (Pre-session filed.)

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: Limits the duties of an equity committee that serves a school district. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

[Digest: Directs ODE to study the state of education in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.6).]

[Requires the Department of Education to study the adequacy of public education in this state. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education not later than September 15, 2026.]

Removes the requirement that an educational equity advisory committee must advise a school district board.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to education; amending ORS 329.711; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 329.711 is amended to read:

5 329.711. (1) Nothing in this section shall interfere with the duties, responsibilities and rights of
6 duly elected school district boards. There shall be established at each school district an educational
7 equity advisory committee.

8 (2)(a) The duties of an educational equity advisory committee shall include:

9 [(a) *Advising the school district board about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions;*]

10 [(b)] **(A)** Advising the school district superintendent about the educational equity impacts of
11 policy decisions; and

12 [(c)] **(B)** Informing the [*school district board and*] school district superintendent when a situation
13 arises in a school of the school district that negatively impacts underrepresented students and ad-
14 vising the [*board and*] superintendent on how best to handle that situation.

15 **(b) The school district superintendent may act on any recommendations of the educa-**
16 **tional equity advisory committee without approval from the school district board.**

17 (3) The educational equity advisory committee may prepare an annual report that:

18 (a) Contains the following information:

19 (A) The successes and challenges the school district has experienced in meeting the educational
20 equity needs of students in the school district;

21 (B) Recommendations the committee made to the [*school district board and*] school district su-
22 perintendent, and the actions that were taken in response to those recommendations; and

23 (C) Any other information required by the State Board of Education by rule.

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.

1 **(b) Is shared with the school district board:**

2 **(A) By the school district superintendent; and**

3 **(B) If requested by the school district board, by the committee as a presentation by the**
4 **committee at a school district board meeting.**

5 **[(b)] (c)** Is made available by being:

6 **(A)** Distributed to the parents of the students of the school district;

7 **(B)** Posted on the school district's website; **and**

8 **[(C)] (C)** *Presented to the school district board in an open meeting with adequate opportunity for public*
9 *comment; and]*

10 **[(D)] (C)** Sent to the State Board of Education.

11 (4)(a) An educational equity advisory committee shall be selected by the [*school district board*
12 *and*] school district superintendent and must be composed of parents, employees, students and com-
13 munity members from the school district.

14 (b) For the purpose of selecting members, the [*school district board and*] school district super-
15 intendent:

16 **(A)** Shall solicit names of possible members from the community;

17 **(B)** Must ensure that membership is primarily representative of underserved student groups;

18 **(C)** May not exclude members based on immigration status; and

19 **(D)** Must comply with any other requirements established by the State Board of Education by
20 rule.

21 (5) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this
22 section.

23 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
24 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
25 **on its passage.**