

House Bill 3624

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SUMMARY

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Digest: Requires ESDs to pay fees for certain tests that homeschooled children must take. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5).

Directs education service districts to reimburse parents and legal guardians for fees incurred by parents and legal guardians related to examinations administered to homeschooled children.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to examinations administered to homeschooled children; creating new provisions; and
3 amending ORS 339.035.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.035 is amended to read:

6 339.035. (1) As used in this section, "education service district" means the education service
7 district that contains the school district of which the child is a resident.

8 (2) When a child is taught or is withdrawn from a public school to be taught by a parent, legal
9 guardian or private teacher, as provided in ORS 339.030, the parent, legal guardian or private
10 teacher must notify the education service district in writing. In addition, when a child who is taught
11 by a parent, legal guardian or private teacher moves to a new education service district, the parent,
12 legal guardian or private teacher shall notify the new education service district in writing. The ed-
13 ucation service district shall acknowledge receipt of any notification in writing.

14 (3) Children being taught as provided in subsection (2) of this section shall be examined at
15 grades 3, 5, 8 and 10 in accordance with the following procedures:

16 (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule a list of approved comprehensive exam-
17 inations that are readily available.

18 (b)(A) The parent or legal guardian shall select an examination from the approved list and ar-
19 range to have the examination administered to the child by a qualified neutral person, as defined
20 by rule by the State Board of Education. **Any fees incurred by the parent or legal guardian for**
21 **an examination or the administration of an examination shall be reimbursed by the education**
22 **service district.**

23 (B) If the child was withdrawn from public school, the first examination shall be administered
24 to the child at least 18 months after the date on which the child was withdrawn from public school.

25 (C) If the child never attended public or private school, the first examination shall be adminis-
26 tered to the child prior to the end of grade three.

27 (c) The person administering the examination shall:

28 (A) Score the examination; and

29 (B) Report the results of the examination to the parent or legal guardian.

30 (d) Upon request of the superintendent of the education service district, the parent or legal

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 guardian shall submit the results of the examination to the education service district.

2 (4)(a) If the composite test score of the child places the child below the 15th percentile based
 3 on national norms, the child shall be given an additional examination within one year of when the
 4 first examination was administered.

5 (b) If the composite test score of the child on the second examination shows a declining score,
 6 then the child shall be given an additional examination within one year of when the second exam-
 7 ination was administered and the superintendent of the education service district may:

8 (A) Allow the child to continue to be taught by a parent, legal guardian or private teacher; or

9 (B) Place the education of the child under the supervision of a person holding a teaching license
 10 who is selected by the parent or legal guardian at the expense of the parent or legal guardian. If
 11 the composite test score of the child continues to show a declining score, the superintendent of the
 12 education service district may:

13 (i) Allow the child to continue under the educational supervision of a licensed teacher selected
 14 by the parent or legal guardian and require that the child be given an additional examination within
 15 one year of when the last examination was administered;

16 (ii) Allow the child to be taught by a parent, legal guardian or private teacher and require that
 17 the child be given an additional examination within one year of when the last examination was ad-
 18 ministered; or

19 (iii) Order the parent or legal guardian to send the child to school for a period not to exceed
 20 12 consecutive months as determined by the superintendent.

21 (c) If the parent or legal guardian of the child does not consent to placing the education of the
 22 child under the supervision of a licensed teacher who is selected by the parent or legal guardian,
 23 then the superintendent of the education service district may order the child to return to school for
 24 a period not to exceed 12 consecutive months as determined by the superintendent.

25 (d) If the composite test score of the child on an examination is equal to or greater than the
 26 percentile score on the prior test, the child may be taught by a parent, legal guardian or private
 27 teacher and for the next examination be examined pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection or
 28 subsection (3) of this section.

29 (5)(a) Notwithstanding the examination requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section,
 30 the parent or legal guardian of a child with a disability who has an individualized education pro-
 31 gram and is receiving special education and related services through the school district or who is
 32 being educated in accordance with a privately developed plan shall be evaluated for satisfactory
 33 educational progress according to the recommendations of the program or plan.

34 (b) The parent or legal guardian of a child with a disability who was evaluated by service pro-
 35 viders selected by the parent or legal guardian based on a privately developed plan shall submit a
 36 report of such evaluation to the education service district in lieu of the examination results required
 37 by subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

38 (c) A child with a disability described in this subsection may not be subject to the examination
 39 requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section unless the examination is recommended in the
 40 program or plan in effect for the child.

41 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 339.035 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to ex-**
 42 **penses incurred on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**