

House Bill 4154

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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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Makes public data that are collected about students going to school. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).

Requires the compilation of data about students who are regular attenders or who are chronically absent.

Takes effect July 1, 2026.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to student attendance data; creating new provisions; amending ORS 327.133; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 327.133 is amended to read:

327.133. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, each school district, other than an education service district, shall file with the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

(A) By July 15 of each year, an annual report covering the school year ending on the preceding June 30; and

(B) By January 15, of each year, a December quarterly report covering the quarter of the current school year commencing October 1 and ending December 31.

(b) Pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may waive a reporting date or specify an alternative date for filing a report if a human-created disaster or a natural disaster affects the ability of the school district to file a report by the specified date.

(2) Each such report shall:

(a) Show the average daily membership of resident pupils of the school district for the period covered [*and shall also contain such*].

(b) Allow the department to determine whether a pupil is a regular attender or is chronically absent, as those terms are defined in section 3 of this 2026 Act.

(c) Be disaggregated by student group, as defined in ORS 327.164, and align, to the greatest extent practicable, with student groups for which data is collected under ORS 327.173 (2)(d). The student group of students with disabilities must be disaggregated by students who have an education plan developed in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, and students who have an individualized education program.

(d) Include any other information as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may require.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:

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.

(a) "Absent" means a missed school day that is the result of an excused absence, a nonexcused absence or a disciplinary exclusion.

(b) "Chronically absent" means that a student is absent for 10 percent or more of the school days for which the student is enrolled.

(c) "Regular attender" means that a student is absent for less than 10 percent of the school days for which the student is enrolled.

(2) Using student attendance data received from a school district under ORS 327.133, the Department of Education shall calculate the following for students who were enrolled at the school district or a public charter school for a total of at least 10 days during the reporting period:

(a) The total number of students in average daily membership for the school district or public charter school;

(b) The total number of students in average daily membership who are regular attenders;

(c) The percentage of students who are regular attenders;

(d) The total number of students in average daily membership who are chronically absent; and

(e) The percentage of students who are chronically absent.

(3)(a) Four times per calendar year, the department shall:

(A) Compile the data as provided by subsection (2) of this section;

(B) Provide each school district and public charter school with the opportunity to review the compiled data and request adjustments be made to the data before making the data available to the public; and

(C) Make available to the public the compiled data on the department's website in an easy-to-use format, including disaggregating the data by student group as provided by ORS 327.133.

(b) When making the data available to the public, the department shall clearly describe:

(A) The requirements used for determining when a student is a regular attender or chronically absent; and

(B) Whether any changes have been made in the methodology for determining when a student is a regular attender or chronically absent.

SECTION 4. (1) The reporting requirements and the data compilation requirements of section 3 of this 2026 Act first apply to the 2026-2027 school year.

(2) The Department of Education shall include on the department's website a clear description of the changes that have been made in the methodology for determining when a student is a regular attender or chronically absent for the 2026-2027 school year in comparison to making that determination for the 2025-2026 school year.

SECTION 5. This 2026 Act takes effect on July 1, 2026.