A-Engrossed House Bill 2658

Ordered by the House April 17 Including House Amendments dated April 17

Sponsored by Representatives PILUSO, DOHERTY; Representatives HACK, NOSSE (Presession 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.

Establishes pilot program for purpose of increasing number of public school students who are served by school social workers. Sunsets pilot program on June 30, 2021. [Appropriates moneys for pilot program.]

Authorizes expenditures from High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund for pilot program.

[Adds school social workers to list of professionals who provide behavioral health services and care coordination for purpose of enabling school districts to receive moneys for pilot programs related to school absenteeism.]

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

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- 2 Relating to school social workers; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Education shall administer a pilot program to increase the number of public school students served by school social workers.
- 6 (2) Under the pilot program, the department shall distribute moneys to school districts to:
 - (a) Hire new school social workers;
 - (b) Increase the working hours of existing school social workers; or
 - (c) Enable existing personnel to earn a license as a school social worker and become employed by the school district as a school social worker.
 - (3) A school district may participate in the pilot program if the school district submits an application demonstrating how the school district will use grant moneys to increase the number of students who are served by a school social worker as described in subsection (2) of this section.
 - (4)(a) A school district that participates in the pilot program must annually submit information to the department about how the increase in school social workers affected:
 - (A) Student attendance rates:
 - (B) Reported incidences of acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying or acts of cyberbullying, as defined in ORS 339.351; and
 - (C) Any other elements of the school system, students or families.
 - (b) The department shall submit an annual report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than October 15 of each year. The report must summarize the information received under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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1	(5) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration
2	of the pilot program.
3	SECTION 1a. Notwithstanding the reporting requirement prescribed by section 1 (4)(b)
4	of this 2017 Act, the Department of Education is not required to submit an annual report
5	until October 15, 2018.
6	SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on June 30, 2021.
7	SECTION 3. (1) Notwithstanding sections 2 and 3, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2017 (Ballot
8	Measure 98 (2016)), for the 2017-2019 biennium, the Department of Education may expend
9	moneys in the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund in an amount
10	that does not exceed \$ for the purpose of funding the pilot program described in
11	section 1 of this 2017 Act.
12	(2) Calculations or apportionments made as provided by section 3, chapter 1, Oregon
13	Laws 2017 (Ballot Measure 98 (2016)), may not take into account any amounts available to
14	the department for expenditure as provided by subsection (1) of this section.
15	SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16	peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
17	July 1, 2017.

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