

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1541

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Including Senate Amendments dated February 12

Sponsored by Senator HASS; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BEYER, BOQUIST, BURDICK, EDWARDS, GELSER, MONROE, RILEY, ROBLAN, Representative JOHNSON (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.

Directs Department of Education to conduct evaluation [*related to financial accountability*] of **expenditure variations among** school districts.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school financial accountability; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall conduct an evaluation of expenditure**
5 **variations among school districts. When conducting the evaluation, the department shall:**

6 (a) **Review expenditures in multiple categories, including instruction, support services,**
7 **administration, transportation and business services.**

8 (b) **Identify and evaluate factors that may affect expenditure levels in a category, in-**
9 **cluding class size, staff levels, staff compensation and the length of the school year.**

10 (c) **Determine whether expenditure variations are related to student outcomes, including**
11 **attendance and absenteeism, standardized test results and graduation rates.**

12 (2) **The department shall submit a report on the evaluation described in subsection (1)**
13 **of this section to the interim legislative committees on education no later than December**
14 **15, 2016.**

15 **SECTION 2. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect**
17 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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