

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1541

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Including Senate Amendments dated February 12 and House Amendments
dated February 29

Sponsored by Senator HASS; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BEYER, BOQUIST, BURDICK, EDWARDS, GELSER,
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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.

Directs Department of Education to conduct [*evaluation of*] **study on** expenditure variations among school districts.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school financial accountability; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Chief Education Office, shall conduct a study on expenditure variations among school districts. When conducting the study, the department shall:

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

(b) Review amounts in school district reserve funds.

(c) Identify factors that may affect expenditure levels in a category, including class size, staff levels, staff compensation, administrative compensation, student demographics, the length of the school year, the number of school days per week and the number of instructional hours in a school year.

(d) Determine whether expenditure variations are related to student outcomes, including attendance, absenteeism and graduation rates.

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

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

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.