

SB 52 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs school districts to adopt policy requiring a comprehensive district plan on student suicide prevention in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education (Board) and in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority. Establishes requirements for district plans. Requires the plan to ensure school employees act within the authorization and scope of their credentials and licensure in relation to diagnosing and treating mental illness. Permits school districts to consult with suicide prevention experts, the Oregon Department of Education, parents, school employees, and other parties when developing plan. Requires plan be written, made available annually, and at district office. Declares school districts failing to comply with requirements to be considered nonstandard under ORS 327.103. Requires plan become operative July 1, 2020 and districts adopt policy beginning 2020-2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority reports that 98 youths age 24 and younger died as a result of suicide in 2016.