

House Bill 2902

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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**.

Requires school district to report on number of incidents during which students of classroom were removed from classroom because other student in classroom was acting in manner that would threaten to injure other person or to damage school property.

Directs school districts to identify number and type of injuries sustained by employees from students.

Directs Department of Education to conduct study to investigate impediments to and strategies for hiring and retaining specified behavior and mental health professionals.

Directs department to conduct study to investigate options for sharing best practices related to improving student behaviors.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to student behavior; creating new provisions; amending ORS 339.309; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Each school district shall make an annual report on the number of incidents**
6 **that occurred during the previous school year during which the students of a classroom were**
7 **removed from the classroom because another student in the classroom was acting in a**
8 **manner that would threaten to injure another person or to damage school property. The**
9 **report required under this section must be made available at the school district's main office**
10 **and on the school district's website no later than September 1.**

11 **SECTION 2. The first report required under section 1 of this 2019 Act must be made**
12 **available as provided by section 1 of this 2019 Act no later than September 1, 2020, and must**
13 **report on the 2019-2020 school year.**

14 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.**

15 **SECTION 4. ORS 339.309 is amended to read:**

16 339.309. (1) Each district school board shall establish a policy for the reporting of incidents that:

17 (a) Result in the injury of an employee of the school district; and

18 (b) Are sustained while in the actual performance of the duty of the employee.

19 (2) A policy established as provided by this section must:

20 (a) Align, to the extent practicable, with any existing reporting requirements.

21 (b) **Identify the number and type of injuries sustained by employees from students.**

22 **SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 339.309 by section 4 of this 2019 Act first apply to**
23 **injuries sustained on or after July 1, 2019.**

24 **SECTION 6. (1) The Department of Education shall conduct a study to investigate im-**
25 **pediments to and strategies for hiring and retaining school counselors, school psychologists,**
26 **speech-language pathologists, behavioral specialists and education support professionals.**

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.

1 **(2) The department shall report the results of the study in the manner provided by ORS**
2 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the**
3 **Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020.**

4 **SECTION 7.** Section 6 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.

5 **SECTION 8.** (1) The Department of Education shall conduct a study to investigate options
6 for sharing best practices related to quiet rooms, positive behavioral management,
7 restorative justice, behavioral supports that are provided in the classroom and other meth-
8 ods of improving student behaviors.

9 **(2) The department shall report the results of the study in the manner provided by ORS**
10 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the**
11 **Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020.**

12 **SECTION 9.** Section 8 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.

13 **SECTION 10.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
15 July 1, 2019.