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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.

Changes terminology [*for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing*] of **certain disabilities** for purposes of special education statutes.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to special education terminology; amending ORS 343.035 and 343.236.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 343.035 is amended to read:

5 343.035. As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:

6 (1) "Child with a disability" means a school-age child who is entitled to a free appropriate public  
7 education as specified by ORS 339.115 and who requires special education because the child has  
8 been evaluated as having one of the following conditions as defined by rules established by the State  
9 Board of Education:

10 (a) Intellectual disability;

11 [*(b) Hearing impairment, including difficulty in hearing and deafness;*]

12 **(b) Deafness or being hard of hearing;**

13 (c) Speech or language impairment;

14 (d) Visual impairment, including blindness;

15 [*(e) Deaf-blindness;*]

16 **(e) Deafblindness;**

17 (f) Emotional [*disturbance*] **behavior disorder;**

18 (g) Orthopedic [*or other health*] impairment;

19 [*(h) Autism;*]

20 **(h) Other health impairment;**

21 **(i) Autism spectrum disorder;**

22 [*(i)*] (j) Traumatic brain injury; or

23 [*(j)*] **(k) Specific learning disabilities.**

24 (2) "Decision" means the decision of the hearing officer.

25 (3) "Determination" means the determination by the school district concerning the identification,  
26 evaluation or educational placement of a child with a disability or the provision of a free appropri-  
27 ate public education to the child in a program paid for by the district.

**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 (4) “Developmental delay” means:
- 2 (a) Delay, at a level of functioning and in accordance with criteria established by rules of the
- 3 State Board of Education, in one or more of the following developmental areas:
- 4 (A) Cognitive development;
- 5 (B) Physical development, including vision and hearing;
- 6 (C) Communication development;
- 7 (D) Social or emotional development; or
- 8 (E) Adaptive development; or
- 9 (b) A disability, in accordance with criteria established by rules of the State Board of Education,
- 10 that can be expected to continue indefinitely and is likely to cause a substantial delay in a child’s
- 11 development and ability to function independently in society.
- 12 (5) “Early childhood special education” means instruction that is:
- 13 (a) Free, appropriate and specially designed to meet the unique needs of a preschool child with
- 14 a disability;
- 15 (b) Provided from three years of age until the age of eligibility for kindergarten; and
- 16 (c) Provided in any of the following settings:
- 17 (A) The home, a hospital, an institution, a special school, a classroom or a community child care
- 18 setting;
- 19 (B) A preschool; or
- 20 (C) A combination of a setting described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and a preschool.
- 21 (6) “Early intervention services” means services for preschool children with disabilities from
- 22 birth until three years of age that are:
- 23 (a) Designed to meet the developmental needs of children with disabilities and the needs of the
- 24 family related to enhancing the child’s development;
- 25 (b) Selected in collaboration with the parents; and
- 26 (c) Provided:
- 27 (A) Under public supervision;
- 28 (B) By personnel qualified in accordance with criteria established by rules of the State Board
- 29 of Education; and
- 30 (C) In conformity with an individualized family service plan.
- 31 (7) “Individualized education program” means a written statement of an educational program for
- 32 a child with a disability that is developed, reviewed and revised in a meeting in accordance with
- 33 criteria established by rules of the State Board of Education for each child eligible for special edu-
- 34 cation and related services under this chapter.
- 35 (8) “Individualized family service plan” means a written plan of early childhood special educa-
- 36 tion, related services, early intervention services and other services developed in accordance with
- 37 criteria established by rules of the State Board of Education for each child eligible for services un-
- 38 der this chapter.
- 39 (9) “Instruction” means providing children and families with information and skills that support
- 40 the achievement of the goals and outcomes in the child’s individualized family service plan and
- 41 working with preschool children with disabilities in one or more of the following developmental
- 42 areas:
- 43 (a) Communication development;
- 44 (b) Social or emotional development;
- 45 (c) Physical development, including vision and hearing;

1 (d) Adaptive development; and

2 (e) Cognitive development.

3 (10) "Mediation" means a voluntary process in which an impartial mediator assists and facili-  
4 tates two or more parties to a controversy in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of the  
5 controversy and includes all contacts between a mediator and any party or agent of a party, until  
6 such time as a resolution is agreed to by the parties or the mediation process is terminated.

7 (11) "Order" has the meaning given that term in ORS chapter 183.

8 (12) "Other services" means those services [which] **that** may be provided to preschool children  
9 with disabilities and to their families that are not early childhood special education or early inter-  
10 vention services and are not paid for with early childhood special education or early intervention  
11 funds.

12 (13) "Parent" means the parent, person acting as a parent or a legal guardian, other than a state  
13 agency, of the child or the surrogate parent. "Parent" may be further defined by rules adopted by  
14 the State Board of Education.

15 (14) "Preschool child with a disability" means a child from:

16 (a) Birth until three years of age who is eligible for early intervention services because the child  
17 is experiencing developmental delay or has a diagnosed mental or physical condition that will result  
18 in developmental delay; or

19 (b) Three years of age to eligibility for entry into kindergarten who needs early childhood spe-  
20 cial education services because the child is experiencing developmental delay or because the child  
21 has been evaluated as having one of the conditions listed for a school-age child under subsection (1)  
22 of this section.

23 (15)(a) "Related services" means transportation and such developmental, corrective and other  
24 supportive services as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special educa-  
25 tion, including:

26 (A) Speech-language and audiology services;

27 (B) Interpreting services;

28 (C) Psychological services;

29 (D) Physical and occupational therapy;

30 (E) Recreation, including therapeutic recreation;

31 (F) Social work services;

32 (G) School nurse services designed to enable a child with a disability to receive a free appro-  
33 priate public education as described in the individualized education program of the child;

34 (H) Early identification and assessment of disabilities in children;

35 (I) Counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling;

36 (J) Orientation and mobility services;

37 (K) Medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes;

38 (L) Parent counseling and training; and

39 (M) Assistive technology.

40 (b) "Related services" does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted or the re-  
41 placement of a medical device that is surgically implanted.

42 (16) "School district" means a common or union high school district that is charged with the  
43 duty or contracted with by a public agency to educate children eligible for special education.

44 (17) "Service coordination" means the activities carried out by a service coordinator to assist  
45 and enable a preschool child with a disability and the child's family to receive the rights, procedural

1 safeguards and services that are authorized under the state’s early intervention and early childhood  
2 special education programs and to coordinate access to other services designated on the individ-  
3 ualized family service plan.

4 (18) “Special education” means specially designed instruction that is provided at no cost to  
5 parents to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. “Special education” includes instruc-  
6 tion that:

7 (a) May be conducted in the classroom, the home, a hospital, an institution, a special school or  
8 another setting; and

9 (b) May involve physical education services, speech-language services, transition services or  
10 other related services designated by rule to be services to meet the unique needs of a child with a  
11 disability.

12 (19) “Transition services” means a coordinated set of activities for a child with a disability that:

13 (a) Is designed to be within a results-oriented process;

14 (b) Is focused on improving the academic and functional achievement of the child to facilitate  
15 the child’s transition from school to post-school activities, including post-secondary education, com-  
16 petitive employment, independent living and community inclusion;

17 (c) Is based on the individual child’s needs, taking into account the child’s preferences and in-  
18 terests; and

19 (d) May be special education, or related services, and may include earning credit at a commu-  
20 nity college or public university listed in ORS 352.002.

21 (20) “Unaccompanied homeless youth” has the meaning given that term in the McKinney-Vento  
22 Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11434a(6).

23 (21) “Ward of the state” means a child who is temporarily or permanently in the custody of, or  
24 committed to, a public or private agency through the action of the juvenile court. “Ward of the  
25 state” may be further defined by rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

26 **SECTION 2.** ORS 343.035, as amended by section 1, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended  
27 to read:

28 343.035. As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:

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31 been evaluated as having one of the following conditions as defined by rules established by the State  
32 Board of Education:

33 (a) Intellectual disability;

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42 [(h) *Autism;*]

43 **(h) Other health impairment;**

44 **(i) Autism spectrum disorder;**

45 [(i)] **(j) Traumatic brain injury;**

- 1        [(j)] **(k)** Specific learning disabilities; or  
2        [(k)] **(L)** Developmental delay, if the child is in third grade or lower.  
3        (2) “Decision” means the decision of the hearing officer.  
4        (3) “Determination” means the determination by the school district concerning the identification,  
5        evaluation or educational placement of a child with a disability or the provision of a free appropri-  
6        ate public education to the child in a program paid for by the district.  
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9        State Board of Education, in one or more of the following developmental areas:  
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29 committed to, a public or private agency through the action of the juvenile court. "Ward of the  
30 state" may be further defined by rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

31 **SECTION 3.** ORS 343.236 is amended to read:

32 343.236. (1)(a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may provide special education on a local,  
33 county or regional basis without regard to county boundaries in all areas of the state for children  
34 who *[have]*:

35 (A) **Have** a visual impairment;

36 *[(B) A hearing impairment;]*

37 *[(C) Blindness or deafness, or both;]*

38 (B) **Are deaf or hard of hearing;**

39 (C) **Are deafblind;**

40 (D) **Have** an orthopedic impairment;

41 *[(E) Autism; or]*

42 (E) **Have autism spectrum disorder; or**

43 (F) **Have** traumatic brain injury.

44 (b) The superintendent shall designate one of the regional programs that provides special edu-  
45 cation to children who are blind or visually impaired to provide statewide coordination and techni-

1 cal assistance related to the provision of services described in ORS 346.315 (2).

2 (c) The program designated under paragraph (b) of this subsection may receive moneys from the  
3 Blind and Visually Impaired Student Fund established under ORS 346.315 and distribute those mon-  
4 eys to other regional programs.

5 (2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may operate and administer a local, county or re-  
6 gional program of special education or the superintendent may contract for the operation and ad-  
7 ministration of the program with a school district or an education service district.

8 (3) The State Board of Education by rule shall establish eligibility criteria and educational  
9 standards for the programs described in subsection (1) of this section and those programs in the  
10 school operated under ORS 346.010.

11 (4) A school district [*which*] **that** contracts to provide a program under this section shall be paid  
12 for the state-approved program as determined and funded by the Legislative Assembly. Contracting  
13 school districts are authorized to negotiate supplemental programs with participating school dis-  
14 tricts.

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