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SUMMARY

Directs Department of Education to develop and implement statewide education plan to address chronic absences of students in public schools.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to chronic absences; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall develop and implement a statewide education plan to address chronic absences of students in the public schools of this state.

(2) The department shall collaborate with representatives of the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority, the Early Learning Division and community and education stakeholders to develop and implement the plan.

(3) The plan shall include:

(a) A process for publicly disclosing annual information on chronic absence rates for each school.

(b) Guidance and best practices for all schools and school districts to use to track, monitor and address chronic absences and improve attendance.

(c) A process for identifying schools in need of support to reduce chronic absences and improve attendance.

(d) A description of technical assistance available to schools identified as being in need of support, including technical assistance that

1 will be provided by the department.

2 (e) The estimated costs associated with implementing the plan.

3 **SECTION 2.** No later than December 1, 2016, the Department of
4 Education shall submit a report to the interim legislative committees
5 related to education. The report shall summarize the statewide edu-
6 cation plan developed by the department under section 1 of this 2016
7 Act.

8 **SECTION 3.** This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
9 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
10 clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.

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