

CHAPTER 111

AN ACT

SB 1541

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.

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