

House Bill 2449

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Requires a recovery school to provide peer group support for students of the school. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Directs the State Board of Education to adopt a requirement that approved recovery schools provide peer group supports for students of the schools.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to support programs in recovery schools; amending ORS 336.680.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.680, as amended by section 45, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended
5 to read:

6 336.680. (1) As used in this section, "approved recovery school" means a school that is under
7 an agreement with the Department of Education to provide students enrolled in the school with a
8 holistic approach to:

9 (a) Educational services for grades 9 through 12; and

10 (b) Health care services related to recovery from substance use disorders.

11 (2) The department shall provide or cause to be provided appropriate education for students
12 enrolled in an approved recovery school. For the purpose of paying the costs of providing education
13 to students enrolled in an approved recovery school, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
14 make the following:

15 (a) Payments from amounts available from the State School Fund under ORS 327.029.

16 (b) Payments from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account, as provided by rule adopted by
17 the State Board of Education in collaboration with the advisory committee convened under ORS
18 336.685. The rules adopted as provided by this paragraph may include a minimum amount, a maxi-
19 mum amount or both for approved recovery schools.

20 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may contract with a school district, an education
21 service district or a public charter school to provide or cause to be provided appropriate education
22 to students enrolled in an approved recovery school. Unless otherwise specified, any educational
23 services provided under a contract entered into under this subsection shall be paid as described in
24 this section and not by any other state moneys distributed based on average daily membership that
25 are available to the school district, education service district or public charter school for the pur-
26 pose of providing educational services.

27 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule the standards for a recovery school to
28 become and operate as an approved recovery school. The standards must provide that:

29 (a) The recovery school must align, to the extent identified by the board, with standards for

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 accreditation established by a nonprofit accrediting organization composed of representatives of re-
 2covery schools and individuals who support the growth of recovery schools. The standards must in-
 3clude requirements that:

4 (A) The recovery school, in compliance with timelines established by the department, be ac-
 5credited by a nonprofit accrediting organization that establishes standards for recovery schools.
 6 Nothing in this subparagraph requires the recovery school to be accredited at the time the super-
 7intendent first enters into a contract with the recovery school.

8 (B) Student enrollment in the recovery school is voluntary. No school district or state or local
 9agency may compel or otherwise require a student to enroll in a recovery school. Students enrolled
 10in an approved recovery school may not be counted in determining the number of pupils in average
 11daily membership for purposes of ORS 334.175 (5).

12 (C) All students who reside in this state and who meet the eligibility criteria established under
 13subsection (8) of this section may enroll in an approved recovery school if space is available. If
 14space is not available, the approved recovery school may prioritize for enrollment student groups
 15identified in ORS 327.180 (2)(b).

16 (D) The school district, education service district or public charter school with which the de-
 17partment has entered into a contract for a recovery school must agree to award high school diplo-
 18mas, modified diplomas, extended diplomas and alternative certificates as provided by ORS 329.451
 19and 339.877. An entity that awards high school diplomas as provided by this subparagraph:

20 (i) May not impose requirements for a high school diploma that are in addition to the require-
 21ments prescribed by ORS 329.451 (2)(a) or by rule of the State Board of Education; and

22 (ii) Must accept any credits previously earned by students in another school or educational
 23program in this state and apply those credits toward the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451
 24(2)(a) or by rule of the State Board of Education.

25 (E) Except as provided by subparagraphs (F) and (G) of this paragraph, the recovery school must
 26satisfy the same laws that apply to public charter schools under ORS 338.115.

27 (F) All administrators and teachers at the recovery school must be licensed by the Teacher
 28Standards and Practices Commission.

29 (G) An approved recovery school is not required to comply with the enrollment requirements
 30prescribed by ORS 338.115 (1)(bb) or (5).

31 (H) An approved recovery school must comply with the requirements of the uniform budget and
 32accounting system adopted by rule of the State Board of Education under ORS 327.511.

33 **(I) An approved recovery school must provide a peer group support program for students**
 34**of the school that:**

35 **(i) Offers social activities, counseling services and case management services; and**

36 **(ii) Is community-based, family centered and professionally staffed.**

37 (b) Recovery schools will be approved, to the greatest extent practicable, in a manner that:

38 (A) Represents a geographic distribution across this state; and

39 (B) Takes into consideration the needs for services by the community in which the recovery
 40school would be located.

41 (5) Any school that provides the services of a recovery school may enter into a contract with
 42the superintendent to become an approved recovery school, including schools already providing the
 43services of a recovery school and schools that are proposing to provide the services of a recovery
 44school.

45 (6) An approved recovery school may enter into agreements with other entities, including

1 community-based organizations and federally recognized tribes of this state, for the purposes of
2 providing educational and health care services to students enrolled in the approved recovery school.

3 (7)(a) The department shall be responsible for:

4 (A) Identifying, locating and evaluating students enrolled in an approved recovery school who
5 may be in need of special education and related services; and

6 (B) Ensuring that eligible students receive special education and related services.

7 (b) For the purpose of this subsection, the department may enter into a contract with a school
8 district or an education service district.

9 (8) The department shall establish eligibility criteria for students to enroll in an approved re-
10 recovery school, based on input from the advisory committee convened under ORS 336.685 and based
11 on research from a nonprofit organization composed of representatives of recovery schools and in-
12 dividuals who support the growth of recovery schools and other relevant organizations.

13 (9) For the purposes of administering this section:

14 (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt any necessary rules.

15 (b) The department shall collaborate with the Oregon Health Authority, the Youth Development
16 Division, the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, the Oregon Youth Authority, the Department
17 of Human Services and local public health and mental health authorities or providers and shall co-
18 ordinate, to the greatest extent practicable, funding of services provided in relation to approved
19 recovery schools.

20 (10) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall prepare a report on the progress, suc-
21 cesses and challenges of approved recovery schools and submit that report to:

22 (a) The interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education; and

23 (b) The advisory committee convened under ORS 336.685.

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