

Senate Bill 366

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY

SUMMARY

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Encourages school districts to operate schools that serve no more than specified numbers of students and to conform to certain student-to-teacher ratios.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to school size.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) For purposes of this section, "school" means a group of students and**
5 **teachers who remain together for all of the regular school program, as defined in ORS**
6 **339.141. The program may be in the same school building as other programs.**

7 **(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that schools with lower enrollment are better able to**
8 **meet the needs of all students. School districts are encouraged to operate:**

9 **(a) Kindergarten through grade 5 schools that serve no more than 400 students.**

10 **(b) Grade 6 through grade 8 schools that serve no more than 500 students.**

11 **(c) Grade 9 through grade 12 schools that serve no more than 800 students.**

12 **(3) The Legislative Assembly also finds that low ratios of students to teachers are crucial**
13 **in schools of all sizes. School districts are encouraged to conform to the ratios of students**
14 **to teachers recommended in the Quality Education Model 2002.**

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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.