**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SUMMARY**

**Title/OAR #:** Class Size Collection / OAR 581-002-0200

**Date:** April 10, 2014

**Staff/Office:** Doug Kosty ISAA-2

**[x] New Rule [ ] Amend Existing Rule**  **[ ] Repeal Rule**

**Hearing Date:** March 24, 2014 **[x]  Hearings Officer Report Attached**

**Prompted by: [x]  State law changes [ ]  Federal law changes [ ]  Other**

**Action Requested:**

**[ ]  First Reading/Second Reading [ ]  Adoption [x]  Adoption/Consent Agenda**

**PROPOSED/AMENDED RULE SUMMARY:** Identifies definitions of class, regularly assigned teachers and class categories for the purpose of calculating academic class sizes. Requires the addition of data fields to existing data collection. Implements changes to collection beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

**BACKGROUND:**

HB2644, effective July 1, 2013, requires the State Board of Education to identify by rule - definitions of a class, regular assignment of teachers to students and the categories of classes used to calculate class sizes.

This bill requires the Oregon Department of Education to require public education programs to report

* Total # of students in classes (K-12)
* Total # of licensed/registered teachers assigned to the students
* Identify how the data will be collected (without a new collection if possible)
* Report results on ODE WebSite and to Legislature in 2016

A project team including ODE staff, education agency staff, and school district staff have met multiple times to discuss and achieve consensus on project goals, data definitions, and reporting guidelines.

 The project team has *identified* or is working to complete:

*collections to be used* reporting methodology business rules

*data fields to be added to collection*  technical & informative documentation

**ISSUES/CONCERNS THAT SURFACED DURING RULE WORK:**

* Project team focused on not putting extra burden on public education programs by phasing in class size data for non-regular classes (online, alt ed, special education) until these class types can be accurately identified
* Size of collection is a concern; ability to validate data in timely manner

**CHANGED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING?** (so members can focus on what’s different)

[ ]  N/A; first read—hasn’t been before board

[ ]  No; same as last month

[x]  Yes – As follows: The grade levels included in 2b parenthesis for secondary schools changed to 6 through 12. Original rule included only grades 9 through 12.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There was a fiscal impact to the Department for implementation of HB 2644. However the legislature appropriated money to the Department to cover this impact.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**:

[x]  Adopt administrative rule as prepared this month

[ ]  Adopt administrative rule next month

[ ]  No recommendation at this time (rarely used)

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**OAR 581-002-0200 Class size collection**

1. As used in this rule:
2. “Class” means a setting in which organized instruction of academic course content is provided to one or more students (including cross-age groupings) for a given period of time. A course may be offered to more than one class. Class instruction, provided by one or more teachers or other staff members, may be delivered in person or via a different medium.
3. “Regular assignment of a teacher” means a teacher who consistently teaches a group of students in elementary self-contained classroom or group(s) of students in secondary classroom in academic subject area(s) over a given period of time.
4. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the Department of Education shall require public education programs to submit information as required by ORS 329.901 and this rule for the following categories of classes as identified based on the grade levels of the school:
5. Elementary schools (any combination of grades Kindergarten through 8):

Homeroom (Self-Contained)

1. Secondary schools (any combination of grades 6 through 12) by academic subject area:
2. English Language Arts (Reading or Language Arts);
3. Mathematics;
4. Science;
5. Social Studies (Civics, History, Government, Economics, Geography);
6. World Language and Literature; and
7. Fine and Performing Arts.
8. The Department shall utilize existing institution, staff and student data collections to collect the information required by ORS 329.901 and this rule.
9. The Department shall provide a technical manual to public education programs that will be used to determine class size.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 329.901

Stat. Implemented: ORS 329.901