

# House Bill 2421

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER (Presession filed.)

## 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**.

Directs school districts to expend at least 65 percent of operational expenditures on classroom instruction expenditures. Allows school districts to phase in expenditure requirement. Allows Superintendent of Public Instruction to grant waiver of requirement.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school districts; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. As used in this section and sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act:**

5 (1) **"Classroom instruction expenditures" means expenditures directly related to class-**  
6 **room instruction, including but not limited to expenditures for:**

7 (a) **Teacher and instructional staff salaries and benefits;**

8 (b) **Textbooks and other instructional materials;**

9 (c) **Classroom computers;**

10 (d) **General instructional supplies; and**

11 (e) **Libraries and librarians.**

12 (2) **"Instruction" includes, but is not limited to:**

13 (a) **Activities that are directly related to the interaction between students and teachers**  
14 **or instructional staff;**

15 (b) **Special education;**

16 (c) **English as a second language instruction;**

17 (d) **Instruction provided by tutors; and**

18 (e) **Class activities, including but not limited to field trips, physical education, music, the**  
19 **arts and multidisciplinary learning.**

20 (3) **"Operational expenditures" means all expenditures a school district makes, except for:**

21 (a) **Capital construction;**

22 (b) **Debt or bond payments; and**

23 (c) **Facility rent or lease payments.**

24 **SECTION 2. Each fiscal year, a school district shall expend at least 65 percent of the**  
25 **school district's operational expenditures on classroom instruction expenditures.**

26 **SECTION 3. (1) Notwithstanding section 2 of this 2007 Act, if a school district does not**  
27 **meet the requirements of section 2 of this 2007 Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,**  
28 **the school district shall increase the school district's classroom instruction expenditures by**  
29 **two percent or more of the school district's operational expenditures each fiscal year until**  
30 **the school district meets the requirements of section 2 of this 2007 Act.**

**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.

