

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2763

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Including House Amendments dated March 27

Sponsored by Representatives BUCKLEY, RICHARDSON, Senator BATES; Representatives CANNON, CLEM, DALLUM, ESQUIVEL, KOMP, KRUMMEL, LIM, MAURER, ROBLAN (at the request of Peter Coyl)

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.

Directs Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract for development of kindergarten through grade 12 **Mandarin** Chinese language curriculum.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for contract.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Chinese language instruction; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall contract with any entity**
5 **the superintendent determines is qualified to undertake the development of an articulated**
6 **kindergarten through grade 12 Mandarin Chinese language curriculum for public schools. The**
7 **development of the curriculum shall involve:**

8 (a) **Creating a network of Mandarin Chinese language teachers able to develop second**
9 **language kindergarten through grade 12 curricula, materials, assessments and best practices**
10 **needed to provide Mandarin Chinese language instruction to students, including evaluation**
11 **of the use of video technology for instruction by Mandarin Chinese language teachers in**
12 **foreign nations; and**

13 (b) **Coordinating statewide efforts to develop and expand Mandarin Chinese language in-**
14 **struction so that it is uniformly available to students throughout this state, and making in-**
15 **novative use of media and technology, including television, distance learning and online**
16 **courses, to broaden students' access to the instruction.**

17 (2) **The entity with which the superintendent contracts under this section must have**
18 **sufficient knowledge and expertise to ensure the professional development of appropriate**
19 **high quality curricula, supplementary materials, aligned assessments and best practices that**
20 **accommodate different levels of student ability and types of programs.**

21 (3) **The superintendent, in conjunction with the entity with which the superintendent**
22 **contracts, must:**

23 (a) **Develop curricula, supplementary materials, aligned assessments and best practices;**
24 **and**

25 (b) **Make curricula, supplementary materials, aligned assessments and best practices**
26 **equitably available to Oregon schools and students.**

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 **SECTION 2.** The entity with which the Superintendent of Public Instruction contracts
2 under section 1 of this 2007 Act must work with a network of Mandarin Chinese language
3 teachers to:

4 (1) Conduct an inventory of Mandarin Chinese language curricula, supplementary mate-
5 rials and professional development initiatives currently used in Oregon or other states;

6 (2) Develop Mandarin Chinese language curricula and benchmarks aligned to second lan-
7 guage standards and assessments; and

8 (3) Review and recommend to the superintendent how best to build an educational
9 infrastructure to provide more students with Mandarin Chinese language instruction, in-
10 cluding how to develop and provide:

11 (a) An adequate supply of Mandarin Chinese language teachers;

12 (b) An adequate number of high quality school programs;

13 (c) Appropriate curricula, instructional materials and aligned assessments that include
14 technology-based delivery systems;

15 (d) Teacher preparation programs to train Mandarin Chinese language teachers;

16 (e) Expedited licensing of Mandarin Chinese language teachers;

17 (f) Best practices in existing educational programs that can be used to establish
18 kindergarten through grade 12 Mandarin Chinese language programs; and

19 (g) Technical assistance resources.

20 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium
21 beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$350,000 for the purpose of
22 carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2007 Act.

23 **SECTION 4.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
25 July 1, 2007.