House Bill 2769

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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.

Specifies method of calculating amounts to be distributed to community college districts and community college service districts from Community College Support Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to community college funding; creating new provisions; amending ORS 341.620, 341.626 and 341.635; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 341.620 is amended to read:

341.620. There is established a Community College Support Fund in the General Fund. The moneys in the Community College Support Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for distribution to community college districts and community college service districts under ORS 341.626.

SECTION 2. ORS 341.626 is amended to read:

341.626. (1) Subject to rules adopted by the State Board of Education and to ORS 291.230 to 291.260, the Commissioner for Community College Services shall distribute state aid to each community college district and community college service district.

- (2) The rules adopted by the State Board of Education shall provide:
- (a) No state aid for hobby and recreation classes;
- (b) Procedures for proper and accurate record keeping;
- (c) Procedures that will [insure] **ensure** reasonable year to year stability in the delivery of appropriated moneys to the colleges; and
 - (d) Procedures to [insure] ensure that the full state appropriation is delivered to the colleges.
- (3)(a) The commissioner may not take into consideration the amount of funding a community college district or community college service district receives from local property taxes in determining the amount of state aid to be distributed to the district.
- (b) Each fiscal year the commissioner shall distribute to each community college district or community college service district a state aid amount that is equal to the number of full-time equivalent students for the district for the fiscal year × (the total amount of state aid available for distribution in the Community College Support Fund for the fiscal year ÷ the total number of full-time equivalent students for all districts for the fiscal year).
- [(3)] (4) Upon compliance with the rules adopted by the State Board of Education, the commissioner shall, as soon as practicable following the receipt of required reports from the districts, prepare, certify and transmit to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services the names and the

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	amounts	due	each	district.	The	Oregon	Department	of	Administrative	Services	shall	audit	the	
	amounts certified by the commissioner and draw its warrants on the State Treasury payable out of													
the [General Fund] Community College Support Fund to the districts.														

SECTION 3. ORS 341.635 is amended to read:

- 341.635. (1) In determining the amount of apportionment to the community college from the [General Fund] Community College Support Fund under ORS 341.626, tuition and fees allowed for scholarships authorized by ORS 341.485 shall be considered as paid by the student.
- (2) The district shall include the high school student attending the community college in determining the number of equivalent full-time students in classes for purposes of ORS 341.626 and other laws governing the distribution of state and federal funds to such colleges.
- SECTION 4. The amendments to ORS 341.620, 341.626 and 341.635 by sections 1 to 3 of this 2007 Act apply to state aid distributed to community college districts and community college service districts on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.
- <u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect July 1, 2007.