

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2885

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 18

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. The Remote and Necessary School District Fund is established in the State**
3 **Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the Remote and Neces-**
4 **sary School District Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education to**
5 **award as grants under section 2 of this 2007 Act.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘remote and necessary school district’ means a**
7 **school district that offers kindergarten through grade 12 and has:**

8 **“(a) An average daily membership (ADM), as defined in ORS 327.006, in the prior fiscal**
9 **year of less than 110; and**

10 **“(b) A school that is located, by the nearest traveled road, more than 20 miles from the**
11 **nearest school or from a city with a population of more than 5,000.**

12 **“(2) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall award grants to remote and**
13 **necessary school districts for the purpose of making up the difference between a district’s**
14 **general fund operating costs and the amount received by the district as a State School Fund**
15 **grant.**

16 **“(3) To receive a grant under this section, a remote and necessary school district shall**
17 **submit to the department:**

18 **“(a) The budget of the district for the fiscal year for which the grant is requested; and**

19 **“(b) A plan for the use of the requested grant moneys.**

20 **“(4) The department shall award grants under this section based on the information**
21 **submitted under subsection (3) of this section and the need level of the remote and necessary**
22 **school district.**

23 **“(5) The grant amount that a remote and necessary school district may receive under**
24 **this section each fiscal year is equal to the lesser of:**

25 **“(a) \$200,000; or**

26 **“(b) An amount equal to the district’s percentage of the Remote and Necessary School**
27 **District Fund.**

28 **“(6) A remote and necessary school district’s percentage of the Remote and Necessary**
29 **School District Fund is equal to the total amount available in the fund each fiscal year for**
30 **grants divided by the number of remote and necessary school districts that qualified for a**
31 **grant in that fiscal year.**

32 **“(7) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement this section.**

33 **“SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2007 Act are repealed on June 30, 2009.**

34 **“SECTION 4. Any moneys remaining in the Remote and Necessary School District Fund**
35 **on June 30, 2009, shall be transferred to the General Fund.**

1 **“SECTION 5.** There are appropriated to the Department of Education, out of the General
2 **Fund, for the Remote and Necessary School District Fund, the following amounts:**

3 **“(1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the amount of \$2.2 million.**

4 **“(2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, the amount of \$2.2 million.**

5 **“SECTION 6.** (1) During the 2007-2009 biennium, the legislative interim committees on
6 revenue shall conduct a study of the adequacy of funding of small school districts. The
7 committees shall examine:

8 **“(a) Whether the additional amounts received by small school districts that are attrib-**
9 **utable to the additional amount added to the ADMw of those districts under ORS 327.013**
10 **(7)(a)(F) and 327.077 and the amount awarded as grants under ORS 327.357, when combined**
11 **with other funding, are adequate to provide sufficient funding for those small school dis-**
12 **tricts;**

13 **“(b) What types of small school districts are not being provided adequate funding; and**

14 **“(c) The long term effects of not providing small school districts with adequate funding.**

15 **“(2) Based on the study, the legislative interim committees on revenue shall make rec-**
16 **ommendations to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly and may pre-session file proposed**
17 **legislation that would implement the recommendations.**

18 **“SECTION 7.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
20 **July 1, 2007.”.**

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