

House Bill 3143

Sponsored by Representative FLORES

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 Department of Education to award grants to school districts for character education programs.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for grant program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to character education; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) During the 2007-2009 biennium, in addition to distributing moneys**
5 **through the State School Fund, the Department of Education shall award grants to school**
6 **districts for the costs of establishing character education programs.**

7 **(2) The department may seek and accept gifts, grants and donations from any source and**
8 **federal funds for the purpose of carrying out the grant program under this section.**

9 **(3) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration**
10 **of the grant program. The rules adopted by the board shall include the application process**
11 **for the grants, criteria for awarding the grants and a method for determining the grant**
12 **amount that a school district may receive under this section.**

13 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium**
14 **beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1 million for the purpose of**
15 **awarding grants to school districts for character education programs under section 1 of this**
16 **2007 Act.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
19 **July 1, 2007.**

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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.