

House Bill 3427

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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**.

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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to school districts.

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;**

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

20 (f) **Extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, drama, sports, band and choir.**

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

22 (a) **Capital construction;**

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

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

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

27 **SECTION 3. (1) Notwithstanding section 2 of this 2007 Act, if a school district does not**
28 **meet the requirements of section 2 of this 2007 Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008,**
29 **the school district shall increase the school district's classroom instruction expenditures by**
30 **two percent or more of the school district's operational expenditures each fiscal year until**

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 the school district meets the requirements of section 2 of this 2007 Act.

2 (2) A school district may request from the Superintendent of Public Instruction a one-
3 year waiver of the requirements of subsection (1) of this section and section 2 of this 2007
4 Act.

5 (3) The superintendent shall grant or deny a school district waiver request within 45 days
6 of receipt of the request. The superintendent may grant a portion of a waiver request. The
7 superintendent may renew a waiver upon request from a school district. In determining
8 whether or not to grant a waiver or a portion of a waiver, the superintendent shall consider
9 all the facts and circumstances including, but not limited to, whether the costs of transpor-
10 tation services are demonstrably higher because of the geographic size or the distribution
11 of students throughout the school district.

12 SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2007 Act applies to fiscal years beginning on or after July
13 1, 2008.