

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 622

Ordered by the Senate March 20
Including Senate Amendments dated March 20

Sponsored by Senator METSGER; Senators AVAKIAN, MORSE, WALKER, Representatives BUCKLEY, CLEM, KOMP, WHISNANT

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.

Requires Department of Education to provide full-time equivalent employee to administer talented and gifted program. Directs department to establish six regional talented and gifted planning centers.

[Requires school districts to submit written plan of instruction for talented and gifted children to Superintendent of Public Instruction for approval.]

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for purpose of establishing centers.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to talented and gifted program; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 343.391**
5 **to 343.413.**

6 **SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall employ at least one full-time equivalent**
7 **employee to administer, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the**
8 **talented and gifted program under ORS 343.391 to 343.413.**

9 **SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Education shall establish six regional talented and**
10 **gifted planning centers. The centers shall be located in education service districts, commu-**
11 **nity colleges or state institutions of higher education listed in ORS 352.002.**

12 **(2) Each center shall have a regional planning committee appointed by the Superinten-**
13 **dent of Public Instruction that consists of representatives of teachers, school district ad-**
14 **ministrators, parents of talented and gifted students and school district or school talented**
15 **and gifted program coordinators.**

16 **(3) The department shall dedicate one-half of a full-time equivalent employee to each**
17 **center to serve as the coordinator for the regional planning committee.**

18 **(4) Each center shall:**

19 **(a) Organize and host training classes and seminars;**

20 **(b) Distribute small-scale grants for programs;**

21 **(c) Assist programs with finding external funding;**

22 **(d) Assemble and distribute best practices information to teachers;**

23 **(e) Provide materials for professional development; and**

24 **(f) Provide other activities related to talented and gifted 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 4.** There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium
2 beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$860,000 for the purpose of
3 establishing regional talented and gifted planning centers.

4 **SECTION 5.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
6 July 1, 2007.

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