

House Bill 2605

Sponsored by Representatives BAILEY, J SMITH; Representatives DEMBROW, RICHARDSON (at the request of Dave Porter)

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**.

Establishes Critical Need Foreign Language Study Abroad Scholarship Program within Department of Education to enable students to learn critically needed foreign languages.

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

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to scholarships to study critically needed foreign languages; appropriating money; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Critical Need Foreign Language Study Abroad Scholarship Program**
6 **is established within the Department of Education.**

7 **(2) The department shall award scholarships to students in grades 9 through 12 who**
8 **participate for one school year in a study abroad program that enables a student to learn a**
9 **critically needed foreign language and that is approved by the department based on criteria**
10 **established by the State Board of Education by rule.**

11 **(3) For the purpose of determining which languages are critically needed foreign lan-**
12 **guages, the department shall refer to language priorities established by the United States**
13 **Department of Education and the United States Department of State.**

14 **(4) Scholarships awarded under this section are for \$3,000 per student per school year.**

15 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
16 **ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the**
17 **General Fund, the amount of \$500,000 to be distributed and used as follows:**

18 **(1) \$150,000 for the purpose of awarding 50 study abroad scholarships during the 2009-2010**
19 **fiscal year under the Critical Need Foreign Language Study Abroad Scholarship Program**
20 **established by section 1 of this 2009 Act.**

21 **(2) \$300,000 for the purpose of awarding 100 study abroad scholarships during the**
22 **2010-2011 fiscal year under the Critical Need Foreign Language Study Abroad Scholarship**
23 **Program established by section 1 of this 2009 Act.**

24 **(3) \$50,000 for the purpose of administering the Critical Need Foreign Language Study**
25 **Abroad Scholarship Program established by section 1 of this 2009 Act.**

26 **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
28 **July 1, 2009.**

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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.