

Senate Bill 859

Sponsored by Senator NELSON

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 three education districts to establish and implement pilot program called Frontier Learning Outpost for purpose of serving as model for efficiency and effectiveness among education service districts. Establishes funding mechanism for Frontier Learning Outpost.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to education service districts; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 4 of this 2009 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
5 **chapter 334.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The North Central Education Service District, the Willowa County Edu-**
7 **cation Service District and the Grant County Education Service District shall establish and**
8 **implement a pilot program called the Frontier Learning Outpost. The pilot program may be**
9 **established and implemented through an intergovernmental agreement entered into by the**
10 **boards of the member education service districts.**

11 **(2) The purpose of the pilot program established as provided by subsection (1) of this**
12 **section is to serve as a model for efficiency and effectiveness among education service dis-**
13 **tricts. As part of the pilot program, the boards of the member education service districts**
14 **shall:**

15 **(a) Identify and provide for a single source of communications between the member ed-**
16 **ucation service districts and a single aggregated database of information for the member**
17 **education service districts;**

18 **(b) Coordinate and develop long distance learning services among the member education**
19 **service districts; and**

20 **(c) Provide support and resources to the school districts of the member education service**
21 **districts for the purpose of meeting graduation requirements.**

22 **(3)(a) The member education service districts shall be considered a single education ser-**
23 **vice district for purposes of:**

24 **(A) Resources allocated by public bodies of this state based on population served; and**

25 **(B) Determining eligibility for grants and contracts with the Department of Education.**

26 **(b) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to distributions made from the State**
27 **School Fund.**

28 **(4) Notwithstanding ORS 334.690, the boards of the member education service districts**
29 **shall establish a boundary board to examine any proposal to reorganize education service**
30 **districts that involves only member education service districts.**

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 (5) At least every five years, the boards of the member education service districts shall
2 evaluate the appropriateness of the location of the administrative office of the Frontier
3 Learning Outpost. At least two of the boards of the member education service districts must
4 agree on the location of the administrative office.

5 **SECTION 3.** (1) The North Central Education Service District, the Wallowa County Edu-
6 cation Service District and the Grant County Education Service District shall establish and
7 implement the Frontier Learning Outpost as provided by section 2 of this 2009 Act as soon
8 as practicable after the effective date of this 2009 Act.

9 (2) Notwithstanding section 2 (5) of this 2009 Act, the location of the first administrative
10 office of the Frontier Learning Outpost shall be identified by the Wallowa County Education
11 Service District.

12 **SECTION 4.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 334.177, each member education service district of
13 the Frontier Learning Outpost established by section 2 of this 2009 Act shall contribute to
14 the Frontier Learning Outpost:

15 (a) Any amounts considered to be local revenues of a member education service district,
16 as defined in ORS 327.019, that are in excess of the amount received by the member educa-
17 tion service district from the State School Fund.

18 (b) \$15,000 each fiscal year.

19 (2) Amounts contributed as provided by subsection (1) of this section shall be equally
20 distributed among the member education service districts.

21 (3) A board of a member education service district shall expend at least 90 percent of the
22 amounts distributed as provided by subsection (2) of this section for the purposes described
23 in section 2 (2) of this 2009 Act.

24 **SECTION 5.** Section 4 of this 2009 Act applies to fiscal years beginning on or after July
25 1, 2009.

26 **SECTION 6.** 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 on its passage.

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