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House Bill 2286

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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.

Directs Department of Education to develop grant program for high school dropout prevention programs administered by school districts.

Establishes High School Dropout Prevention Grant Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department for grant program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to high school students; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall develop a grant program for the dis-**
5 **bursement of funds to school districts during each biennium for programs designed to ad-**
6 **dress the problem of students leaving high school before graduation and to reduce the**
7 **numbers of such students. The department may award grants to individual school districts**
8 **or consortiums of school districts.**

9 **(2) The Department of Education shall develop guidelines for school district programs**
10 **eligible to receive grant funds under subsection (1) of this section. The guidelines must re-**
11 **quire school districts receiving grant funds under the program to:**

12 **(a) Manage a team of school administrators, counselors, teachers, law enforcement per-**
13 **sonnel and representatives from social service agencies dedicated to reducing high school**
14 **dropout rates.**

15 **(b) Develop a student tracking system that provides prompt data on the attendance re-**
16 **records of students at risk of dropping out of high school.**

17 **(c) Engage and involve the parents or guardians of students at risk of dropping out of**
18 **high school in crafting strategies and solutions to allow students to remain in school.**

19 **(3) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration**
20 **of the grant program.**

21 **SECTION 2. (1) The High School Dropout Prevention Grant Fund is established in the**
22 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the High**
23 **School Dropout Prevention Grant Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are**
24 **continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the purpose of distributing**
25 **grants to school districts under section 1 of this 2011 Act. The department may use moneys**
26 **in the High School Dropout Prevention Grant Fund for administrative expenses relating to**

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 grant program.**

2 **(2) The Department of Education may accept grants, donations, contributions or gifts**
3 **from any source for deposit in the High School Dropout Prevention Grant Fund established**
4 **under subsection (1) of this section for the purpose of distributing grants to school districts**
5 **under section 1 of this 2011 Act.**

6 **SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
8 **on July 1, 2011.**

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