

Senate Bill 568

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (at the request of Confederation of Oregon School Administrators)

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 pilot project that provides alternative method for distributing funding to school districts for special education and related services for students in kindergarten through grade three. Requires Department of Education to submit report to legislative committees on education. Sunsets July 1, 2013. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to funding for special education and related services; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 327.006 to 327.133.

SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Department of Education shall establish a pilot project that provides an alternative method for distributing funding to school districts for special education and related services for students in kindergarten through grade three.

(b) School districts participating in the pilot project shall use the funding received as provided by this section to implement the response to intervention process for identifying and assisting students who may be eligible for special education and related services.

(c) School districts participating in the pilot project are encouraged to use the funding received as provided by this section for early intervention reading strategies and similar strategies that may result in fewer students requiring special education and related services in later grades as a result of the strategies.

(2) The department shall select no fewer than 10 school districts to participate in the pilot project established by this section. The department may establish an application process for the purpose of the selection of the school districts.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A)(i) and in lieu of funding that a school district would receive under ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A)(i) for students in kindergarten through grade three, a school district participating in the pilot project established by this section shall receive an additional amount that is equal to 11 percent of the district's ADM for students in kindergarten through grade three. The amount calculated under this subsection for students in kindergarten shall take into account the requirements prescribed by ORS 327.006 (1).

(4) School districts participating in the pilot project shall provide information to the department that is sufficient for the department to submit the report required by subsection

(5) of this section.

(5) The department shall submit a report to the legislative committees related to education no later than May 1, 2013. The report required by this subsection shall:

(a) Summarize the efforts of the school districts participating in the pilot project estab-

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1 lished by this section; and

2 (b) Provide information about whether fewer students require special education and re-
3 lated services or are incorrectly determined to be eligible for special education and related
4 services as the result of the intervention strategies funded as provided by this section.

5 SECTION 3. Adjustments to the distributions from the State School Fund that are made
6 to school districts participating in the pilot project described in section 2 of this 2011 Act
7 apply only to the 2011-2013 distributions.

8 SECTION 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2011 Act are repealed on July 1, 2013.

9 SECTION 5. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
11 on its passage.

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