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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 250

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 4, after "334.177" insert ", 2 334.217".

On page 10, line 6, after the period insert "Prior to calculating the State School Fund grant for each education service district, the superintendent shall calculate the anticipated amount of administrative costs that will be incurred for that fiscal year by the Office of Regional Educational Services established in section 35 of this 2011 Act and shall retain that amount for the purpose of paying those costs.".

9 On page 11, line 35, after the period insert "Prior to calculating the State 10 School Fund grant for each education service district, the superintendent 11 shall calculate the anticipated amount of administrative costs that will be 12 incurred for that fiscal year by the Office of Regional Educational Services 13 established in section 35 of this 2011 Act and shall retain that amount for 14 the purpose of paying those costs.".

15 On page 24, after line 39, insert:

"SECTION 33. (1) The Regional Education Services Advisory Board
 is established. The duties of the board are to:

"(a) Advise the Director of the Office of Regional Educational Ser vices for the purpose of assisting the director in fulfilling the statutory
 requirements imposed by section 35 of this 2011 Act;

"(b) Provide to the Director of the Office of Regional Educational
 Services recommendations for changes in statute or rule for the pur-

pose of assisting the director in fulfilling the statutory requirements
 imposed on the Office of Regional Educational Services by section 35
 of this 2011 Act; and

"(c) Assist the Superintendent of Public Instruction in selecting the
Director of the Office of Regional Educational Services, including developing or modifying a proposed position description, screening candidates and making a recommendation for the position.

"(2) The board shall consist of nine members appointed by the
Governor and confirmed by the Senate in the manner provided by ORS
171.562 and 171.565. The term of office of each member is four years,
but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

"(3) The Governor shall appoint the members of the board from
 among the school district superintendents of this state in a manner
 that ensures the representation of school districts of a variety of sizes
 and geographic locations.

"(4) Members of the board may not receive compensation for their
 services, but shall be paid for their necessary and actual expenses in
 accordance with ORS 292.495.

"SECTION 34. Notwithstanding the term of office specified by sec tion 33 of this 2011 Act, of the members first appointed to the Regional
 Education Services Advisory Board:

<sup>22</sup> "(1) Two shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2012.

23 "(2) Two shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2013.

<sup>24</sup> "(3) Two shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2014.

<sup>25</sup> "(4) Three shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2015.

26 "<u>SECTION 35.</u> (1) The Office of Regional Educational Services is 27 established for the purposes of coordinating the efforts of and provid-28 ing leadership for regional educational service delivery systems. The 29 office shall function under the direction and control of the State Board 30 of Education. "(2)(a) The Director of the Office of Regional Educational Services shall serve as the administrative officer of the Office of Regional Educational Services. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall select the director after considering the recommendation made by the Regional Education Services Advisory Board established in section 33 of this 2011 Act.

7 "(b) The director shall perform the duties, powers and functions of
8 the office:

9 "(A) Under the supervision and subject to the direction of the Su 10 perintendent of Public Instruction; and

"(B) In cooperation with the Regional Education Services Advisory
 Board.

13 **"(3) The Office of Regional Educational Services shall:** 

"(a) Establish best practice policies and conduct an ongoing analy sis of the effectiveness of education service districts, including deter mining the direct cost of services to school districts that are assessed
 by education service districts.

18 "(b) Establish benchmarks for education service districts that allow 19 the education service districts to make improvements in the operation 20 of the education service districts and to demonstrate that improve-21 ments are being made in the operation of education service districts.

"(c) Conduct ongoing evaluations of the systems and procedures of
 education service districts.

"(d) Ensure that each education service district has an annual audit
of the accounts of the education service district prepared in accordance with the Municipal Audit Law, as provided in ORS 297.405 to
297.555 and 297.990, and review the audit.

"(e) Request a performance audit of an education service district if
the office has reason to believe that an education service district is
nonstandard as provided by ORS 334.217.

"(f) Recommend to the Superintendent of Public Instruction any
sanctions to impose on an education service district that are consistent with ORS 334.217 and recommend any statutory changes required
to impose effective sanctions on education service districts.

"(g) Recommend to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and
the State Board of Education any statutory or rule changes that may
improve the operations or administration of education service districts.

9 "(h) Recommend to the board of directors of an education service 10 district or to the superintendent of an education service district any 11 changes that may improve the operations or administration of the 12 education service district.

"(i) Recommend to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and
 the State Board of Education any changes in education service district
 boundaries that may reduce costs and increase the quality of services
 provided by education service districts.

"(j) Recommend to the board of directors of an education service
district or to the superintendent of an education district any changes
in service delivery regions that may reduce costs and increase the
quality of services provided by the education service district.

"(k) Provide training and related support for boards of directors of
 education service districts and superintendents of education service
 districts.

"(L) Gather information regarding the cost of services within edu cation service districts and across education service districts, identify
 unusually high cost services and provide the gathered information to
 education service districts, the Superintendent of Public Instruction
 and the State Board of Education.

29 "(4) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Su-30 perintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Office of

## 1 Regional Educational Services, may adopt any rules necessary for the

2 purposes of this section.

3 "SECTION 36. ORS 334.217 is amended to read:

"334.217. (1) The State Board of Education by rule shall establish standards to determine the adequacy of services and facilities provided by the education service districts. In establishing such standards, the state board shall consider the most economic method of providing services and facilities, the quality of the services and facilities according to the best educational standards, and the needs of the students.

"(2) When the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines pursuant 10 to rule that an education service district is nonstandard, the district desig-11 nated nonstandard shall file a plan to meet standards over a specified period 12of time. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may accept, reject or 13 modify the plan and order the nonstandard district to comply with the plan 14 as approved by the superintendent. Once a plan is approved, the district shall 15be conditionally standard until all deficiencies are corrected. If a district 16 corrects all deficiencies, the district shall be designated as standard. The 17 district shall have 180 days from the date the plan is accepted to make all 18 corrections. After that time, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may 19 impose sanctions on the district if the district has not made the necessary 20corrections. 21

"(3) The state board shall establish by rule appropriate sanctions for
 noncompliance. The sanctions may include:

"(a) Mandatory merger of the nonstandard education service district with
a contiguous education service district that is standard[,];

<sup>26</sup> "(b) The sanctions described in ORS 342.173, if applicable[, or];

27 "(c) The withholding of funds from the State School Fund[.];

"(d) The removal of the superintendent of the education service
 district;

30 "(e) The temporary governance of the education service district by

## 1 the state board; or

- 2 "(f) Dissolution of the education service district.".
- 3 In line 40, delete "33" and insert "37".
- 4 In line 42, delete "34" and insert "38".
- 5 On page 25, line 1, delete "33" and insert "37".
- 6 In line 2, delete "35" and insert "39".
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