House Bill 2009

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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 **as introduced.**

Establishes grant program to assist school districts that expect to be unable to maintain number of licensed teacher staff in full-time equivalent positions or number of instructional hours made available to students.

Establishes Supplemental School Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Education for purpose of awarding grants under grant program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Supplemental School Fund.

Sunsets July 1, 2015.

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Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to school funding; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "State School Fund distributions" means distributions made to a school district from the State School Fund under ORS 327.008 and 327.013.
 - (2) In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund, the Department of Education shall award grants to school districts as provided by this section.
 - (3) A school district may submit an application to the department for a grant under this section if, for the 2013-2014 school year or the 2014-2015 school year, the school district expects to be unable to maintain, as compared to the 2012-2013 school year, the number of licensed teacher staff in full-time equivalent positions or the number of instructional hours made available to students.
 - (4) The department shall award a grant to a school district under this section if, as part of the application submitted for the grant, the school district:
 - (a) Attests that the school district meets the requirement described in subsection (3) of this section.
 - (b) Attests that the school district has adopted a budget based on the total amount appropriated to the State School Fund by the Legislative Assembly.
 - (c) Attests that the adopted budget of the school district:
 - (A) Specifies all funding sources by type and dollar amount, specifies all restrictions or required uses imposed on those funding sources and specifies how each funding source is used: and
 - (B) Is available electronically and for public review.
 - (d) Attests that, for the school year for which the grant would be awarded, the school district does not have a fund balance, as defined in ORS 294.311, for the school district's general fund that is greater than the fund balance the school district had for the 2012-2013

school year.

- (5)(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, the amount of a grant awarded under this section shall equal the lesser of:
- (A) The total amount required to maintain, as compared to the 2012-2013 school year, the number of licensed teacher staff in full-time equivalent positions and the number of instructional hours made available to students; or
- (B) The school district's average daily membership (ADM), as defined in ORS 327.006, multiplied by (the total amount available for small school district grants, as calculated for the 2012-2013 fiscal year under ORS 327.357, divided by the total ADM of all small high schools, as calculated for the 2012-2013 fiscal year under ORS 327.357).
- (b) If the total amount required by all school districts qualifying for a grant under this section exceeds the total amount available for grants under this section, the department shall prorate the amount available among all qualifying school districts.
- (6) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 2. The Supplemental School Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Supplemental School Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the Supplemental School Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the purpose of awarding grants as provided by section 1 of this 2013 Act.
 - SECTION 3. (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act are repealed on July 1, 2015.
- (2) Any moneys remaining in the Supplemental School Fund on July 1, 2015, that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall revert to the General Fund.
- SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be deposited in the Supplemental School Fund established by section 2 of this 2013 Act.
- SECTION 5. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect July 1, 2013.