House Bill 2425

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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.

Authorizes issuance of Article XI-P general obligation bonds to finance capital costs of educational technology initiative.

Directs Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish program for distribution of moneys to school districts that establish plan to use technology to improve academic performance of students. Sunsets initiative June 30, 2015.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to financing an educational technology initiative; and declaring an emergency.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 286A.798 (1)(b), in addition to and not in lieu of any authorization to issue general obligation bonds under ORS 286A.035, in the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, the State Treasurer may issue Article XI-P bonds in:
 - (a) An amount that produces \$18.75 million of net proceeds and interest earnings for the purpose specified in subsection (2) of this section, plus an amount estimated by the State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs.
 - (b) The manner provided by ORS 286A.796 to 286A.806.
 - (2) Subject to the standards applicable to moneys deposited in the School Capital Matching Fund established under ORS 286A.806, the State Treasurer shall deposit \$18.75 million in net proceeds and interest earnings in the fund pursuant to this section to finance the capital costs of implementing an educational technology initiative described in section 2 of this 2013 Act.
 - SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Capital costs" means costs of land and other assets having a useful life of more than one year, including costs associated with acquisition, construction, improvement, remodeling, furnishing, equipping, maintenance or repair.
 - (b) "Educational technology initiative" means a plan developed by a school district to invest in:
 - (A) Broadband infrastructure, software or hardware for the purpose of improving academic performance of students in the classroom; and
 - (B) Professional development to enable school district personnel to effectively use the technology described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
 - (2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish a program to distribute moneys deposited in the School Capital Matching Fund pursuant to section 1 of this 2013 Act to school districts for capital costs incurred to implement an educational technology initi-

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- (3) To be eligible for a disbursement of moneys under this section, a school district must demonstrate:
- (a) That the school district is able to provide matching funds for moneys received under this section at a rate of \$1 for every \$4 received;
- (b) That the school district's educational technology initiative includes appropriate professional development to implement the technology acquired under the initiative and a source of funding for the professional development;
- (c) How the educational technology initiative will be used to improve student learning, close student achievement gaps or achieve outcomes or measures of progress stated in the school district's achievement compact as defined in section 14, chapter 36, Oregon Laws 2012; and
- (d) How the school district intends to sustain the technology acquired under the educational technology initiative after moneys received under this section have been depleted.
 - (4) A school district may not use moneys received under this section to:
- (a) Pay costs of the professional development component of the educational technology initiative;
 - (b) Purchase or develop educational programs that are primarily offered online; or
- (c) Purchase technology that is used primarily for the administrative functions of the school district or the schools of the school district.
 - SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is repealed on June 30, 2015.
- SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the repeal of section 2 of this 2013 Act by section 3 of this 2013 Act, moneys distributed during the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, to a school district under section 2 of this 2013 Act may be expended by the school district on or after July 1, 2015, for the purposes and in the manner provided in 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 on July 1, 2013.