

Enrolled House Bill 2913

Sponsored by Representative DEMBROW; Representatives HOLVEY, HUFFMAN, JOHNSON, REARDON, SMITH, Senators BEYER, HASS, ROSENBAUM

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program; amending ORS 344.075; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 344.075 is amended to read:

344.075. (1) The Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program is established within the Department of Education.

(2) Subject to the availability of funds, the department shall award grants each biennium to school districts, education service districts, public schools or public charter schools, or any combination thereof, for the uses described in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Grants received under this section must be used to enhance the collaboration between education providers and employers by:

(a) Developing or enhancing career and technical education programs of study;

(b) Expanding the professional growth of and career opportunities for students through career and technical education programs;

(c) Assessing the ability of each career and technical education program to meet workforce needs and give students the skills required for jobs in this state that provide high wages and are in high demand; and

(d) Supporting the achievement of the high school diploma requirements established under ORS 329.451.

(4) Any school district, education service district, public school or public charter school, or any combination thereof, may apply for a grant under this section.

[(5)(a) The department shall award grants based on the ability of the applicant to use a grant as described in subsection (3) of this section.]

[(b) In addition to the requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection, the department shall give priority to:]

[(A) Awarding grants to applicants so that the grants awarded represent a diverse number of students served and a diverse selection of geographic locations; and]

[(B) Applicants that have received commitments from business, industry, labor or education providers to enhance collaboration and to provide resources for any collaborative efforts.]

[(c) For the purpose of awarding grants, the department shall jointly convene with the Bureau of Labor and Industries a committee that represents business, industry, labor and education providers for the purpose of reviewing applications for grants and recommending determinations on the applications.]

(5)(a) The department and the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall jointly establish a committee to set goals for the program, develop grant criteria, review all grant applications and make recommendations related to the awarding of grants. The committee must represent business, industry, labor and education providers.

(b) The department in awarding grants, and the committee in fulfilling its duties related to grants, shall award grants based on the ability of the applicant to use the grant as required under subsection (3) of this section. In addition, the department and the committee shall give priority to applicants that:

(A) Represent a diverse number of students served and a diverse selection of geographic locations;

(B) Have received commitments from business, industry, labor or education providers to enhance collaboration and to provide resources for any collaborative efforts; and

(C) Demonstrate that the collaboration between education providers and employers enhanced by the grant will be sustainable beyond the life of the grant.

(6) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

(7) The department may pay the expenses incurred by the department in administering this section out of moneys that are available to the department for purposes of awarding grants under this section. For each biennium, the department may spend on administrative expenses an amount that does not exceed five percent of the total amount of moneys available to the department during the biennium for purposes of awarding grants under this section.

SECTION 2. 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 its passage.

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