77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2013 Regular Session

Enrolled Senate Bill 228

Sponsored by Senator HASS; Representative READ (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the educator mentorship program; creating new provisions; amending ORS 329.805; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 329.805 is amended to read:

329.805. (1) Subject to ORS 291.232 to 291.260, the Department of Education shall distribute grants-in-aid to qualifying school districts to offset the costs of beginning teacher and administrator mentorship programs. A qualifying district shall receive annually **an amount that is aligned with evidence-based best practices.** [up to \$5,000 for each full-time equivalent beginning teacher and administrator approved for support. Each biennium, the department shall adjust the amount specified for each teacher or administrator based on the Consumer Price Index, as defined in ORS 327.006.]

(2) If the funds are insufficient for all eligible proposals, the Department of Education shall award grants on a competitive basis, taking into consideration geographic and demographic diversity.

(3) The State Board of Education may adopt such rules as it considers appropriate for the distribution of grants-in-aid under this section.

(4) A district that is determined by the Department of Education to be in violation of one or more of the requirements of ORS 329.788 to 329.820 may be required to refund all grants-in-aid moneys distributed under ORS 329.788 to 329.820. The amount of penalty shall be determined by the State Board of Education.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> The amendments to ORS 329.805 by section 1 of this 2013 Act first apply to applications submitted for mentorship programs for the 2013-2014 school year.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> 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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Received by Governor:

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John Kitzhaber, Governor

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