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Senate Bill 666

Ordered by the Senate April 8
Including Senate Amendments dated April 8

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN; Senator ROBLAN

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.

Allows virtual public charter school to receive funding for providing supplemental online courses. **Specifies requirements for courses to be eligible to receive funding.**

[Allows Department of Education to expend moneys from State School Fund to fund supplemental online courses.]

Directs Department of Education to make distributions from Oregon Virtual School District Fund to fund supplemental online courses. Appropriates moneys to Oregon Virtual School District Fund.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to public charter schools; creating new provisions; amending ORS 329.842; appropriating
3 money; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 338.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "supplemental online course" means an online**
7 **course provided:**

8 (a) **By a virtual public charter school to a student who is enrolled in a public school in**
9 **this state; and**

10 (b) **As less than half of a student's average course load, as determined by the State Board**
11 **of Education by rule.**

12 (2) **A virtual public charter school may receive funding for a supplemental online course**
13 **only as provided by this section. If a virtual public charter school receives funding for a**
14 **supplemental online course as provided by this section, the virtual public charter school may**
15 **not receive funding as provided by ORS 338.155 for the student who completed the course.**

16 (3) **A supplemental online course funded as provided by this section may be made avail-**
17 **able to students only through:**

18 (a) **A school district that purchases a supplemental online course from a virtual public**
19 **charter school and makes the supplemental online course available to a student of the school**
20 **district; or**

21 (b) **A virtual public charter school that provides the supplemental online course to a**
22 **student enrolled in the virtual public charter school.**

23 (4) **A supplemental online course shall be funded as provided by this section only if a**
24 **student successfully completes the supplemental online course. When the Department of**
25 **Education receives notice that a student has successfully completed a supplemental online**

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1 course, the department shall make a distribution from moneys available for that purpose
2 from the Oregon Virtual School District Fund to:

3 (a) The school district that purchased the course; or

4 (b) The school district in which the virtual public charter school that provided the course
5 to a student enrolled in the virtual public charter school is located.

6 (5)(a) If a student does not successfully complete a supplemental online course, the De-
7 partment of Education may not make any distributions from the Oregon Virtual School
8 District Fund for the student for the course.

9 (b) A virtual public charter school that provided a supplemental online course to a school
10 district for use by a student of the school district who did not successfully complete the
11 supplemental online course shall provide a refund to the school district based on the number
12 of weeks of the course that the student completed, up to half of the cost of the course as
13 calculated under subsection (6) of this section.

14 (6) The Department of Education shall calculate the amount to be distributed for a sup-
15 plemental online course that is funded as provided by this section. The amount may not ex-
16 ceed 0.0834 of the charter school rate of the school district in which the virtual public
17 charter school is located. The Department of Education shall determine the charter school
18 rate for the school district in which the virtual public charter school is located.

19 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule any requirements related to the
20 distribution of funds under this section, including:

21 (a) Timelines for submission of requests for distributions; and

22 (b) Provisions for prorating amounts distributed if amounts requested for distribution
23 exceed amounts available for distribution.

24 (8) A supplemental online course that is funded as provided by this section must be
25 taught by a teacher who is licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

26 **SECTION 3.** ORS 329.842 is amended to read:

27 329.842. (1) The Oregon Virtual School District Fund is established in the State Treasury, sep-
28 arate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Virtual School District
29 Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the
30 Department of Education for:

31 (a) The administration of the Oregon Virtual School District created under ORS 329.840.

32 (b) Distributions made for the purposes of section 2 of this 2013 Act.

33 (2) Any moneys received by the department for the purpose of the Oregon Virtual School Dis-
34 trict shall be deposited in the fund.

35 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
36 ated to the Department of Education for deposit in the Oregon Virtual School District Fund,
37 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5,250,000,
38 which shall be expended as follows:

39 (1) Up to \$1,500,000 for distributions made during the 2013-2014 school year for the pur-
40 poses of section 2 of this 2013 Act; and

41 (2) Up to \$3,750,000 for distributions made during the 2014-2015 school year for the pur-
42 poses of section 2 of this 2013 Act.

43 **SECTION 5.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
44 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
45 July 1, 2013.

