

Senate Bill 587

Sponsored by Senator WHITSETT

SUMMARY

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Adjusts manner in which attendance is calculated for purposes of State School Fund distributions.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to attendance for State School Fund distributions; creating new provisions; amending ORS
3 327.006; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 327.006 is amended to read:

6 327.006. As used in ORS 327.006 to 327.133, 327.348 and 327.731 and sections 1 to 3, chapter 735,
7 Oregon Laws 2013:

8 (1) "Aggregate days membership" means the sum of days present [*and absent*], according to the
9 rules of the State Board of Education, of all resident pupils when school is actually in session during
10 a certain period. The aggregate days membership of kindergarten pupils shall be calculated on the
11 basis of a half-day program.

12 (2)(a) "Approved transportation costs" means those costs as defined by rule of the State Board
13 of Education and is limited to those costs attributable to transporting or room and board provided
14 in lieu of transporting:

15 (A) Elementary school students who live at least one mile from school;

16 (B) Secondary school students who live at least 1.5 miles from school;

17 (C) Any student required to be transported for health or safety reasons, according to supple-
18 mental plans from districts that have been approved by the state board identifying students who are
19 required to be transported for health or safety reasons, including special education;

20 (D) Preschool children with disabilities requiring transportation for early intervention services
21 provided pursuant to ORS 343.224 and 343.533;

22 (E) Students who require payment of room and board in lieu of transportation;

23 (F) A student transported from one school or facility to another school or facility when the
24 student attends both schools or facilities during the day or week; and

25 (G) Students participating in school-sponsored field trips that are extensions of classroom
26 learning experiences.

27 (b) "Approved transportation costs" does not include the cost of constructing boarding school
28 facilities.

29 (3) "Average daily membership" or "ADM" means the aggregate days membership of a school
30 during a certain period divided by the number of days the school was actually in session during the
31 same period. However, if a district school board adopts a class schedule that operates throughout

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.



1 the year for all or any schools in the district, average daily membership shall be computed by the
 2 Department of Education so that the resulting average daily membership will not be higher or lower
 3 than if the board had not adopted such schedule.

4 (4) "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of the
 5 Portland, Oregon, Metropolitan Statistical Area, as compiled by the United States Department of
 6 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

7 (5) "Kindergarten" means a kindergarten program that conforms to the standards and rules
 8 adopted by the State Board of Education.

9 (6) "Net operating expenditures" means the sum of expenditures of a school district in
 10 kindergarten through grade 12 for administration, instruction, attendance and health services, op-
 11 eration of plant, maintenance of plant, fixed charges and tuition for resident students attending in
 12 another district, as determined in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education, but
 13 net operating expenditures does not include transportation, food service, student body activities,
 14 community services, capital outlay, debt service or expenses incurred for nonresident students.

15 (7)(a) "Resident pupil" means any pupil:

16 (A) Whose legal school residence is within the boundaries of a school district reporting the pu-
 17 pil, if the district is legally responsible for the education of the pupil, except that "resident pupil"
 18 does not include a pupil who pays tuition or for whom the parent pays tuition or for whom the
 19 district does not pay tuition for placement outside the district; or

20 (B) Whose legal residence is not within the boundaries of the district reporting the pupil but
 21 who attends school in the district with the written consent of the district school board where the
 22 school is located as provided by ORS 339.133 (5).

23 (b) A pupil is not considered to be a resident pupil under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection if
 24 the pupil is attending school in another school district pursuant to a contract under ORS 339.125
 25 and in the prior year was considered to be a resident pupil in another school district under para-
 26 graph (a)(B) of this subsection. The pupil shall continue to be considered a resident of another
 27 school district under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection.

28 (c) A pupil is not considered to be a resident pupil under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection if
 29 the pupil is attending school in a school district pursuant to ORS 339.133 (5) and in the prior year
 30 was considered to be a resident pupil under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection because the pupil
 31 was attending school in another school district pursuant to a contract under ORS 339.125. The pupil
 32 shall continue to be considered a resident pupil under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection.

33 (d) "Resident pupil" includes a pupil admitted to a school district under ORS 339.115 (7).

34 (8) "Standard school" means a school meeting the standards set by the rules of the State Board
 35 of Education.

36 (9) "Tax" and "taxes" includes all taxes on property, excluding exempt bonded indebtedness, as
 37 those terms are defined in ORS 310.140.

38 **SECTION 2.** ORS 327.006, as amended by section 7, chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011, and section
 39 5, chapter 735, Oregon Laws 2013, is amended to read:

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13 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 327.006 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act apply**
14 **to State School Fund distributions commencing with the 2015-2016 distributions.**

15 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
17 **July 1, 2015.**

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