House Bill 3039

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICK, Senator SHIELDS

SUMMARY

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Allows district school board to enter into partnership for purpose of acquiring, leasing or improving real property for educational purposes.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to district school board powers for real property; amending ORS 332.155; and declaring an emergency.

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

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 332.155 is amended to read:
- 6 332.155. A district school board:

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- (1) May furnish, equip, repair, lease, purchase and build schoolhouses, including high schools, junior high schools, career and technical education schools, gymnasiums, houses for teachers and other employees[,] and like buildings[;], and locate, buy and lease lands for all school purposes. Leases authorized by this [section] subsection include lease-purchase agreements [whereunder] under which the district may acquire ownership of the leased property at a nominal price. [Such] Leases and lease-purchase agreements may be for a term of up to 30 years.
- (2) May contract for the removal or containment of asbestos substances in school buildings and for repairs made necessary by [such] the removal or containment. Contracts authorized by this section may be for a term exceeding one year.
- (3) May construct or cooperate in the construction of schools for training of student teachers on state or district owned lands, for any public university listed in ORS 352.002 that is in or contiguous to the district, and to expend district funds [in so doing] for those activities.
- (4) May acquire personal property by a lease-purchase agreement or contract of purchase for a term exceeding one year. A lease-purchase agreement is one in which the rent payable by the district is expressly agreed to have been established to reflect the savings resulting from the exemption from taxation, and the district is entitled to ownership of the property at a nominal or other price that is stated or determinable by the terms of the agreement and was not intended to reflect the true value of the property.
- (5) May lease, sell and convey all property of the district as may not, in the judgment of the district school board, be required for school purposes.
- (6) May sell property of the district in transactions whereby the district has the right to lease, occupy or reacquire the property following the sale or have facilities constructed [thereon] on the property or furnished to the specifications of the district. The construction or furnishing of [such] the facilities shall be subject to:
 - (a) ORS chapter 279A, except ORS 279A.125 and 279A.250 to 279A.290;

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.

- (b) ORS chapter 279B, except ORS 279B.235, 279B.240, 279B.270, 279B.275 and 279B.280; and
- (c) ORS chapter 279C.005, 279C.100 to 279C.125 and 279C.300 to 279C.470.
- (7) Shall furnish the schools with supplies, equipment, apparatus and services essential to meeting the requirements of a standard school and may furnish [such] other supplies, equipment, apparatus and services as the board considers advisable.
- (8) May construct, purchase or lease in cooperation with other school districts or community college districts facilities for secondary career and technical education programs for pupils of more than one district and may furnish or cooperate in furnishing supplies and equipment for [such] the facilities, to be financed in the same manner as other school buildings and supplies are financed.
- (9) May purchase real property upon a contractual basis when the period of time allowed for payment under the contract does not exceed 30 years.
- (10) May purchase relocatable classrooms and other relocatable structures in installment transactions in which deferred installments of the purchase price are payable over not more than 10 years from the date [such] the property is delivered to the district for occupancy and are secured by a security interest in such property. [Such] Transactions under this subsection may take the form of, but are not limited to, lease-purchase agreements.
- (11) May enter into rental or lease-purchase agreements covering motor vehicles operated by the district.
- (12) May enter into a partnership with a public or private entity for the purpose of acquiring, leasing or improving real property for educational purposes. Under a partnership entered into as provided by this subsection, the district school board may:
- (a) Loan moneys to the partner for the purpose of any construction costs related to the property; and
- (b) Loan moneys to the partner or enter into financing agreements with the partner or another entity for the purpose of taking advantage of state or federal tax credits or other funding sources that would:
- (A) Increase the amount of moneys available for the property or improve the terms under which the moneys are available for the property; or
 - (B) Reduce the cost to the school district for the property.
- SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.