

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2957

Ordered by the House April 24
Including House Amendments dated April 24

Sponsored by Representatives KENY-GUYER, HERNANDEZ, HACK, PILUSO; Representatives LIVELY, NOSSE

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.

Establishes grant program for purpose of improving kindergarten student-to-teacher ratios in schools that are considered high poverty.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to kindergarten student-to-teacher ratios; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund,**
5 **the Department of Education shall award grants to enable school districts to provide at least**
6 **one teacher for every 15 kindergarten students in schools that meet the requirements pre-**
7 **scribed by subsection (2) of this section.**

8 (2) A grant awarded under this section may be used to provide at least one teacher for
9 every 15 kindergarten students in a school if the school has:

10 (a) A full-day kindergarten program;

11 (b) Ninety percent or more of the students at the site eligible for free or reduced price
12 lunches under the United States Department of Agriculture's current Income Eligibility
13 Guidelines; and

14 (c) The classroom capacity to comply with the requirements of the grant.

15 (3)(a) A school district that includes an elementary school that meets the requirements
16 prescribed by subsection (2) of this section may apply to the Department of Education for a
17 grant under this section. The school district may apply for a grant for one or more schools
18 in the school district.

19 (b) The department shall review and approve applications based on criteria established
20 by the State Board of Education.

21 (4) A school district shall deposit grant amounts received under this section in a separate
22 account and shall apply the amounts in that account to provide at least one teacher for every
23 15 kindergarten students in a school for which the school district applied for the grant.

24 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration
25 of this section.

26 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
27 **ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the**
28 **General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be expended for the grant program es-**

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 **tablished under section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

2 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
3 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
4 **July 1, 2017.**

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