

# House Bill 2957

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## 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 **as introduced**.

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 school districts to enable the school**  
6 **districts to provide at least one teacher for every 15 kindergarten students in schools that**  
7 **are considered high poverty under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education**  
8 **Act of 1965.**

9 **(2)(a) Each school district with an elementary school that is considered high poverty**  
10 **under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 may apply to**  
11 **the Department of Education for a grant under this section.**

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

14 **(3) A school district shall deposit grant amounts received under this section in a separate**  
15 **account and shall apply the amounts in that account to provide at least one teacher for every**  
16 **15 kindergarten students in a school that is considered high poverty under Title I of the**  
17 **federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.**

18 **(4) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration**  
19 **of this section.**

20 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
21 **ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the**  
22 **General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which shall be expended for the grant program es-**  
23 **tablished under section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

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

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**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.