

Senate Bill 75

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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**.

Requires State Library Board to provide annual grants for public library services for youth, with emphasis on underserved youth. Authorizes board to request that appropriations for grant funding by Legislative Assembly be based on methods determined by board. Increases minimum grant amount.

Expands uses of annual establishment and development grants to include programs for students in kindergarten through high school.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to financial assistance for public library service; creating new provisions; amending ORS
3 357.740, 357.750 and 357.780; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 357.740 is amended to read:

6 357.740. (1) **As used in ORS 357.740 to 357.780, "youth" means individuals from birth**
7 **through 17 years of age.**

8 (2) The state shall provide financial assistance [*for public library service to public libraries es-*
9 *tablished pursuant to law from funds specifically appropriated therefor by annual grants to units of*
10 *local government. The grants shall be expended to develop public library services for children, with*
11 *emphasis on preschool children.*] **to legally established public libraries to be used for public li-**
12 **brary services. The financial assistance must be provided in the form of annual grants to**
13 **units of local government from funds specifically appropriated for public library services by**
14 **the Legislative Assembly. The grants must be expended to develop public library services for**
15 **youth, with emphasis on underserved youth.**

16 (3) **The State Library Board may request that the appropriation under subsection (2) of**
17 **this section be based on:**

18 (a) **The estimated total population of youth in this state; or**

19 (b) **Another method determined by the board.**

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 357.780 is amended to read:

21 357.780. (1) The State Library Board shall [*disburse moneys under this section based on the esti-*
22 *mated total population of children, from birth to 14 years of age, in the state. For those areas of the*
23 *state not served by local public libraries, the moneys available shall be reallocated to qualifying public*
24 *libraries. A public library that begins providing library service to previously unserved population shall*
25 *be eligible for grants from the moneys appropriated for purposes of this section. Upon satisfactory ap-*
26 *plication therefor, the State Library Board shall cause the appropriate amount to be paid to the public*
27 *library*] **distribute the funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly pursuant to ORS**

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 **357.740 in the manner described in this section to legally established public libraries that**
 2 **submit applications meeting grant criteria prescribed by the board.**

3 (2) The State Library Board shall distribute 80 percent of the funds [*specifically appropriated by*
 4 *the Legislative Assembly on a per child basis for public library services*] **proportionally to successful**
 5 **applicant public libraries based on the number of youth in each library's service area, cal-**
 6 **culated** in the following manner to ensure **that** the same population is not counted more than once:

7 (a) There shall be [*paid*] **distributed** to each consolidated county library that is the primary
 8 provider of public library services to all persons in a county, or to each library district that is the
 9 primary provider of public library services in a county, a per capita amount for each [*child*] **youth**
 10 residing in the county.

11 (b) Where public library services are provided by a public library for which the governing au-
 12 thority has jurisdiction in more than one county, there shall be [*paid*] **distributed** to that library a
 13 per capita amount for each [*child*] **youth** residing [*therein*] **within the jurisdiction.**

14 (c) Where public library services are not provided as described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this
 15 subsection, but by a library of which the governing authority is the primary provider of public li-
 16 brary services to a jurisdiction less than [*county wide*] **countywide**, there shall be [*paid*] **distributed**
 17 to the library a per capita amount for [*children*] **youth** residing [*therein*] **within the jurisdiction.**
 18 In addition, a public library having a valid contract with a unit of local government to provide
 19 **public** library services to a population beyond its governing authority's jurisdiction shall [*be paid*]
 20 **receive** a per capita amount for the population of [*children*] **youth** served if specified in the con-
 21 tract. The number of [*children*] **youth** residing within a jurisdiction that is less than a county shall
 22 be estimated using the percentage of [*children*] **youth** in the total population of the county.

23 (d) Where public library services are not provided as described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this
 24 subsection, but are provided by a county or district library that has a valid contract with one or
 25 more libraries to provide persons in their jurisdiction with library services, there shall be [*paid*]
 26 **distributed** to the county or district library a per capita amount for each [*child*] **youth** residing
 27 [*therein*] **within the jurisdiction**, exclusive of the populations served by libraries eligible for grants
 28 under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

29 (3) The State Library Board shall distribute 20 percent of the funds [*specifically appropriated by*
 30 *the Legislative Assembly for public library services on an area basis*] **proportionally to successful**
 31 **applicant public libraries based on the number of square miles in each library's service**
 32 **area.**

33 (4) The State Library Board may not make a grant that is less than [*\$1,000*] **\$1,200** to a [*quali-*
 34 *fying*] **successful applicant** public library for public library services for [*children*] **youth.**

35 **SECTION 3.** ORS 357.750 is amended to read:

36 357.750. (1) **The State Library Board may make annual establishment and development**
 37 **grants, from funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose, to** units of local
 38 government and counties [*may*] **that** apply to the [*State Library Board for annual establishment and*
 39 *development grants*] **board in a manner prescribed by the board.**

40 (2) **Successful applicant local governments and counties must use** the grants [*may be made*
 41 *from funds specifically appropriated for that purpose and are to be used*] **for the following purposes,**
 42 **singly or in any combination:**

43 (a) To establish, develop or improve:

44 (A) Public library early literacy services for children from birth to six years of age [*and*]; **or**

45 (B) **Programs for students in kindergarten through high school; or**

1 **(b)** To provide the statewide summer reading program, as defined [*by rule of*] **in rules adopted**
2 **by** the State Library Board, for [*children from birth to 14 years of age*] **youth.**

3 **SECTION 4.** **The amendments to ORS 357.740 and 357.780 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2017**
4 **Act apply to grants made on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

5 **SECTION 5.** **This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
7 **on its passage.**

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