

# Senate Joint Resolution 21

Sponsored by Senator THOMSEN (Presession filed.)

## 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**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require Legislative Assembly each biennium to spend percentage of legislatively approved budget for education and for public safety. Defines terms. Applies to biennia beginning on or after July 1, 2019.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

**PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating new sections 16 and 16a to be added to and made a part of Article IX, such sections to read:

**SECTION 16. (1) The Legislative Assembly shall spend not less than 33 percent of the legislatively approved budget for a biennium for the purposes of financing education and public safety.**

**(2) As used in this section:**

**(a) "Education" means early childhood programs, kindergarten through grade 12 programs, youth development programs and post-secondary education programs.**

**(b) "Legislatively adopted budget" means the total funds budget enacted by the Legislative Assembly during an odd-numbered year regular session, including moneys from the General Fund, federal funds, lottery funds and other funds.**

**(c) "Legislatively approved budget" means the legislatively adopted budget as modified by the Emergency Board meeting in an interim period or by the Legislative Assembly meeting in a special session or in an even-numbered year regular session.**

**(d) "Public safety" means community safety, law enforcement and resolution of civil matters, prosecution and defense services related to the court system, incarceration and related treatment services and prevention and intervention programs, including the judicial branch of state government, the Oregon Military Department, disaster preparedness and homeland security.**

**SECTION 16a. (1) Section 16 of this Article first applies to the 2023-2025 biennium.**

**(2) The Legislative Assembly shall appropriate no less than 28 percent of the legislatively approved budget for the 2019-2021 biennium for the purposes of financing education and public safety.**

**(3) The Legislative Assembly shall appropriate no less than 30 percent of the legislatively approved budget for the 2021-2023 biennium for the purposes of financing education and public safety.**

**(4) As used in this section, "education," "legislatively approved budget" and "public safety" have the meanings given those terms in section 16 of this Article.**

**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       **(5) This section is repealed on June 30, 2023.**

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3       **PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the**  
4 **people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout**  
5 **this state.**

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