

HB 3241 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines “safe entry point” as entry in school building that is visually monitored by employee. Directs Oregon Department of Education to develop and administer a grant program to distribute moneys from the Safe Entry Grant Fund to create safe entry points. Requires grant recipients have no other entry points in their school building. Establishes Safe Entry Grant Fund in State Treasury. Authorizes State Treasury to issue lottery bonds in net proceeds, and additional moneys estimated by State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure contents. Directs Oregon Department of Education to develop and administer a grant program to distribute moneys from the Secure Vestibule Grant Fund to create secure vestibules. Defines secure vestibule as secure entry to school building that is monitored by an employee. Requires school district to agree to finance at least one-half of the project from proceeds of local general obligation bonds for which district has received voter approval, and agrees that each building will convert all other entry points as exit-only points. Establishes Secure Vestibule Grant Fund in State Treasury. Authorizes State Treasury to issue Article XI-P bonds in net proceeds estimated by the State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs. Prevents moneys from State School Fund to be spent on facilities grants beginning July 1, 2019. Transfers \$7,000,000 from State School Fund to the Secure Vestibule Grant Fund beginning July 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

In response to gun violence in schools, school districts across the United States have reviewed making single points of entry that prevent outside intruders from entering the school facility unless verified by a school official. Single secure point of entry refers to requiring a badge or key to open a door from the outside, but no badge to open a door from the inside. There are typically intercoms, video cameras, or buzzers available at the main entrance for visitors to contact school staff once school has begun. Visitors are typically required to sign-in.