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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to develop and administer grant program to distribute moneys to school districts and education service districts to create safe points of entry to school buildings.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Education Service Districts (ESD), School Districts, Bonding

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis: The bill directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and administer a grant program to distribute moneys to school districts and education service districts to create 'secure vestibules' or safe points of entry to school buildings. The bill as amended, authorizes the issuance of an unidentified amount of Article XI-P general obligation bonds to finance the grant program. A Secure Vestibule Grant Fund is established, separate and distinct from the General Fund, consisting of an undetermined amount of funds from the sale of Article XI-P bonds and an undetermined amount from the General Fund.

This bill will require ODE to create a new program that will require an implementation phase and then ongoing administration/operational phase. The bill also requires school districts applying for grants to provide 50% of secure vestibule project costs with proceeds from the issuance of local general obligation bonds and to agree to convert all other entrances to exit only. ODE states that it will require one Program Analyst 2 (0.88 FTE) for implementation and ongoing administration. The staff costs of that position and associated services and supplies would require \$233,750 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium.

After consideration in the Joint Committee on Student Success, this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund, the State School fund, and the state's bonding capacity.