

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2247

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 19

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 22 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Local Imagination Library program’ means a program that is provided to a com-**
4 **munity or to a county as part of the Oregon Imagination Library Project and that provides**
5 **free age-appropriate books each month to enrolled children from birth to age five.**

6 **“(b) ‘Local Imagination Library program affiliate’ means an entity that:**

7 **“(A)(i) Is an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal**
8 **Revenue Code; or**

9 **“(ii) Is a school district; and**

10 **“(B) Has entered into a contract with a national book gifting foundation to provide to**
11 **every child enrolled in the program an age-appropriate book each month from birth to age**
12 **five.**

13 **“(2) The Oregon Imagination Library Project is established within the Early Learning**
14 **Division for the purpose of improving kindergarten readiness and third-grade reading profi-**
15 **ciency by providing free books to children who are enrolled in a local Imagination Library**
16 **program each month from birth to age five.**

17 **“(3) The division shall support the Oregon Imagination Library Project by:**

18 **“(a) Entering into a partnership with the national book gifting foundation that has con-**
19 **tracts with local Imagination Library program affiliates for the purpose of having the divi-**
20 **sion pay 50 percent of the monthly contract cost.**

21 **“(b) Assisting local Imagination Library programs:**

22 **“(A) With the establishment of programs in communities or counties that are not served**
23 **by a local Imagination Library program;**

24 **“(B) In recruiting volunteers for the implementation and administration of the programs;**
25 **and**

26 **“(C) In enrolling children in the programs.**

27 **“(4) The division may enter into a contract with a statewide organization that is exempt**
28 **from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to raise moneys and to**
29 **assist in the implementation of the project.**

30 **“(5) The division shall distribute moneys for the project from the Oregon Imagination**
31 **Library Account established under section 2 of this 2019 Act. Distributions shall be made as**
32 **prescribed by rules adopted by the Early Learning Council.**

33 **“(6) The division may create an advisory committee to make recommendations to the**
34 **division on how best to develop, implement and administer the project in this state.**

35 **“(7) The council, in consultation with the division, shall adopt rules to implement the**

1 provisions of this section.

2 **“SECTION 2.** (1) The Oregon Imagination Library Account is established within the Early
3 Learning Division Fund. Separate records shall be maintained for moneys in the account.
4 Interest earned by the account shall be credited to the account.

5 **“(2)** Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Department of Educa-
6 tion for use by the Early Learning Division for the Oregon Imagination Library Project de-
7 scribed in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

8 **“SECTION 3.** The Early Learning Division shall distribute funds from the Oregon Imag-
9 ination Library Account established under section 2 of this 2019 Act for the Oregon Imag-
10 ination Library Project described in section 1 of this 2019 Act as follows:

11 **“(1)** Beginning January 1, 2020, for programs not described in subsection (2) of this sec-
12 tion.

13 **“(2)** Beginning June 1, 2021, for programs that:

14 **“(a)** Are located in counties that have a population of less than 100,000; and

15 **“(b)** Existed prior to July 1, 2018.

16 **“SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
17 priated to the Department of Education for use by the Early Learning Division, for the
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall
19 be deposited in the Oregon Imagination Library Account established under section 2 of this
20 2019 Act.

21 **“SECTION 5.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
23 July 1, 2019.”.

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