

# Senate Bill 217

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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**.

Modifies purposes for which grants paid from School Improvement Fund may be awarded. Limits grant recipients to school districts and education service districts.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to grants awarded from the School Improvement Fund; amending ORS 327.294 and 327.297;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 327.297 is amended to read:

6 327.297. (1) In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund, the Depart-  
7 ment of Education shall award grants to school districts[,] **and** education service districts[, *the Youth*  
8 *Corrections Education Program and the Juvenile Detention Education Program*] for activities that  
9 relate to increases in student achievement, [*including:*] **with a focus on reducing disparities for**  
10 **students of color, students with disabilities, students who are English language learners,**  
11 **rural students, students from tribal communities and low-income students. Grants awarded**  
12 **under this section may be used to fund:**

13 [*(a) Early childhood support including establishing, maintaining or expanding quality*  
14 *prekindergarten programs;*]

15 [*(b) Class size reduction with an emphasis on the reduction of kindergarten through grade three*  
16 *class sizes;*]

17 **(a) Supplemental early childhood support, including programs for children and families**  
18 **that address early literacy or transitions from prekindergarten to kindergarten;**

19 **(b) Practices, supports and interventions to improve student outcomes by grade three**  
20 **that are related to social, emotional and academic growth and development, including class**  
21 **size reductions for any grade from kindergarten through grade three;**

22 (c) Increases in instructional time, including summer programs and [*before-*] **before-school** and  
23 after-school programs;

24 [*(d) Mentoring, teacher retention and professional development;*]

25 [*(e) Remediation, alternative learning and student retention;*]

26 [*(f) Services to at-risk youth;*]

27 [*(g) Programs to improve a student achievement gap between student groups identified by culture,*  
28 *poverty, language and race and other student groups;*]

29 [*(h) Vocational education programs;*]

30 [*(i) Literacy programs;*]

**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        *[(j) School library programs; and]*

2        **(d) Improvements to the quality and character of schools, including the development of**  
 3 **productive and inclusive school environments or the inclusion of support services; and**

4        *[(k)] (e) Other research-based student improvement strategies approved by the State Board of*  
 5 *Education.*

6        (2)(a) Each school district[, **and** each education service district[, *the Youth Corrections Educa-*  
 7 *tion Program and the Juvenile Detention Education Program*] may apply to the Department of Edu-  
 8 cation for a grant.

9        (b) The department shall review and approve applications based on criteria established by the  
 10 State Board of Education. In establishing the criteria, the State Board of Education shall consider  
 11 the recommendations of the Quality Education Commission established under ORS 327.500.

12        (c) The applications shall include the activities to be funded and the goals of the district [*or*  
 13 *program*] for increases in student performance. The applications shall become part of the local dis-  
 14 trict continuous improvement plan described in ORS 329.095.

15        (3)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 338.155 (9), the Department of Education may not award a grant  
 16 under this section directly to a public charter school.

17        (b) A school district that receives a grant under this section may transfer a portion of the grant  
 18 to a public charter school based on the charter of the school or any other agreement between the  
 19 school district and the public charter school.

20        (c) A public charter school that receives grant funds under this subsection shall use those funds  
 21 for the activities specified in subsection (1) of this section.

22        (4)(a) The amount of each grant for a [*program or*] school district = the [*program's or*] school  
 23 district's ADMw  $\times$  (the total amount available for distribution to [*programs and*] school districts  
 24 as grants in each fiscal year  $\div$  the total ADMw of all [*programs and*] school districts that receive  
 25 a grant).

26        (b) The amount of each grant for an education service district = the education service district's  
 27 ADMw  $\times$  (the total amount available for distribution to education service districts as grants in  
 28 each fiscal year  $\div$  the total ADMw of all education service districts that receive a grant).

29        (c) As used in this subsection, "ADMw" means:

30        (A) For a school district, the extended weighted average daily membership as calculated under  
 31 ORS 327.013, 338.155 (1) and 338.165 (2); **and**

32        [*(B) For the Youth Corrections Education Program, the extended weighted average daily member-*  
 33 *ship as calculated under ORS 327.026;*]

34        [*(C) For the Juvenile Detention Education Program, the extended weighted average daily member-*  
 35 *ship as calculated under ORS 327.026; and]*

36        [*(D)] (B) For an education service district, the sum of the ADMw of the school districts located*  
 37 *within the territory of the education service district.*

38        (5) Each district [*or program*] shall deposit the grant amounts it receives under this section in  
 39 a separate account, and shall apply amounts in that account to pay for activities described in the  
 40 district's [*or program's*] application.

41        (6) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of the  
 42 grant program.

43        **SECTION 2.** ORS 327.294 is amended to read:

44        327.294. (1) There is established the School Improvement Fund, separate and distinct from the  
 45 General Fund. Interest earned by the School Improvement Fund shall be credited to the fund.

1 (2) The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for  
2 purposes of the grant program created by ORS 327.297.

3 (3) Each fiscal year, the department shall distribute:

4 (a) 95.25 percent of the moneys in the fund as grants to school districts[, *the Youth Corrections*  
5 *Education Program and the Juvenile Detention Education Program*]; and

6 (b) 4.75 percent of the moneys in the fund as grants to education service districts.

7 **SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
9 **July 1, 2019.**

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