

Senate Bill 798

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN (at the request of Confederation of Oregon School Administrators)

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**.

Requires Early Learning Division to convene funding advisory committee for purpose of making recommendations for grants under Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program.

Appropriates moneys for program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to early learning; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.101 and 336.104; and declar-
3 ing an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.101 is amended to read:

6 336.101. (1) The Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program is
7 established for the purpose of improving the readiness of children for kindergarten. The program
8 shall be administered by the Early Learning [*Council*] **Division** as provided by this section.

9 (2) The [*Early Learning Council*] **division** shall provide grants under this section based on:

10 (a) Criteria established by the **Early Learning Council** by rule **as described in subsection (3)**
11 **of this section; and**

12 (b) **Recommendations of the funding advisory committee convened as described in sub-**
13 **section (4) of this section.**

14 (3) Criteria **for grants provided under this section** may include requirements that an appli-
15 cant must meet one or more of the following criteria:

16 (a) Form a partnership with at least one provider of early learning services, child care provider
17 or elementary school;

18 (b) Form partnerships with community-based providers of early childhood services to provide
19 preschool and other early-learning strategies;

20 (c) Establish ambitious but meaningful targets for kindergarten readiness;

21 (d) Invest resources in students who meet criteria established by the council by rule;

22 (e) Align with, and supplement, federal programs to provide moneys for educational purposes;
23 and

24 (f) Agree to report to, and partner with, any Early Learning Hubs serving the region.

25 (4) **The division shall convene a funding advisory committee to make recommendations**
26 **for grants provided under this section. The committee must consist of representatives from**
27 **school districts and education service districts and representatives of providers of early**
28 **learning services or child care providers. At least half of the members of the advisory com-**
29 **mittee must represent school districts and education service districts.**

30 [(3)] (5) Priority for grants provided under this section may be for programs that:

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 (a) Assist children in becoming ready for kindergarten or being successful in kindergarten; or

2 (b) Share professional development strategies and resources with providers of early learning
3 services, child care providers and kindergarten teachers.

4 **SECTION 2.** ORS 336.104 is amended to read:

5 336.104. (1) The Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Account is
6 established within the Early Learning Division Fund. Separate records shall be maintained for
7 moneys in the account. Interest earned by the account shall be credited to the account.

8 (2) Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the **Department of Education for**
9 **use by the** Early Learning [*Council*] **Division** for the Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness
10 Partnership and Innovation Program described in ORS 336.101.

11 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
12 **ated to the Department of Education for use by the Early Learning Division, for the**
13 **biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$20,000,000, which**
14 **shall be deposited in the Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation**
15 **Account established by ORS 336.104 for distribution as follows:**

16 (1) At least \$10,000,000 to school districts and education service districts that are eligible
17 to receive grants under the Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Inno-
18 vation Program described in ORS 336.101; and

19 (2) Any amounts not distributed as provided by subsection (1) of this section to entities
20 other than school districts and education service districts that are eligible to receive grants
21 under the Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Program.

22 **SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
24 **July 1, 2019.**

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