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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.

[Modifies requirements for alternative education programs, including applicable laws, funding provisions, notice requirements, reporting requirements, oversight requirements and requirements related to special education and 504 Plans. Requires alternative education programs to ensure that at least 50 percent of teachers and administrators are licensed and to have criminal records check of all nonlicensed employees who have direct, unsupervised contact with school children.]

[Prohibits district school boards from authorizing superintendent to enter into and approve contract that provides for members of law enforcement agency to be assigned to schools of school district.]

Establishes minimum amount of distributions from Statewide Education Initiatives Account to education service districts.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 327.254; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 327.254 is amended to read:

327.254. (1) The Department of Education shall use moneys in the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to provide funding for statewide education initiatives, including:
(a) Funding the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act at the levels prescribed by ORS 327.856;
(b) Expanding school breakfast and lunch programs;
(c) Operating youth reengagement programs or providing youth reengagement services;
(d) Establishing and maintaining the Statewide School Safety and Prevention System under ORS 339.341;
(e) Developing and providing statewide equity initiatives, including the black or African-American education plan developed under ORS 329.841, the American Indian or Alaskan Native education plan developed under ORS 329.843, the Latino or Hispanic education plan developed under ORS 329.845 or any similar education plan identified by the department;
(f) Providing summer learning programs at schools that are considered high poverty under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;
(g) Funding early warning systems to assist students in graduating from high school, as described in ORS 327.367;
(h) Developing and implementing professional development programs and training programs, including programs that increase educator diversity and retain diverse educators;
(i) Planning for increased transparency and accountability in the public education system of this state;

(j) Providing additional funding to school districts participating in the intensive program under ORS 327.222;

(k) Providing technical assistance, including costs incurred for:
   (A) The coaching program described in ORS 327.214; and
   (B) The intensive program described in ORS 327.222, including costs for student success teams;

(L) Funding education service districts, as described in subsection (2) of this section; and

(m) Funding costs incurred by the department in implementing this section and ORS 327.175 to 327.235 and 327.274.

(2)(a) The amount of a distribution to an education service district under this section shall be made as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection after calculating the following for each education service district:

(A) One percent of the total amount available for distribution to education service districts in each biennium.

(B) The education service district’s ADMw × (the total amount available for distribution to education service districts in each biennium ÷ the total ADMw of all education service districts that receive a distribution).

(b) The amount of the distribution to an education service district shall be the greater of the amounts calculated under paragraph (a) of this subsection, except that, for distributions made as provided by paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection, the total amount available for distribution to education service districts shall be the amount remaining after any distributions required under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection have been made.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, ADMw equals the ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013, except that the additional amount allowed for students who are in poverty families, as determined under ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A)(v)(I), shall be 0.5.

(d) An education service district shall use moneys received under this section as provided by a plan developed by the school districts located within the education service district. A school district that declines to participate in the development of the plan or that has withdrawn from an education service district as provided by ORS 334.015 is not entitled to any moneys distributed to the education service district under this subsection.

(e) A plan developed under this subsection must:
   (A) Align with and support school districts in meeting the performance growth targets of the school districts developing the plan;
   (B) Include the provision of technical assistance to school districts in developing, implementing and reviewing a plan for receiving a grant from the Student Investment Account;
   (C) Provide for coordination with the department in administering and providing technical assistance to school districts, including coordinating any coaching programs established under ORS 327.214; and
   (D) Be adopted and amended as provided for local service plans under ORS 334.175 and approved by the department.

(f) Each education service district must submit an annual report to the department that:
   (A) Describes how the education service district spent moneys received under this subsection; and
   (B) Includes an evaluation of the education service district’s compliance with the plan from the
superintendent of each school district that participated in the development of the plan.

(3) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary for the distribution of moneys under this section.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 327.254 by section 1 of this 2021 Act apply to distributions made on or after July 1, 2021.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.