Senate Bill 549

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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.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to modify amounts of grants for school-based health centers for inflation.
Directs authority to select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive school-based health center planning grants.
Directs Department of Education to select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive grants to implement trauma-informed approaches.
Directs department to select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive grants to develop wraparound service delivery hubs in schools.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to schools; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Grants awarded to school-based health centers by the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 413.225 (4)(a) must be for a minimum of annual amount of $66,000, adjusted under subsection (2) of this section.

(2) To account for effects of inflation, the authority shall, by rule, annually adjust the dollar amount specified in subsection (1) of this section based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $936,000 to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:
(a) “School-based health center” has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.225.
(b) “School nurse model” means a model for providing school-based health services that is in accord with guidance from the division of the Oregon Health Authority that addresses adolescent health.

(2) The authority, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive planning grants for district planning and technical assistance. Each district receiving a grant, beginning on or after July 1, 2023, and concluding before July 1, 2025, shall:
(a) Evaluate the need for school-based health services in the community of the district; and
(b) Develop a school-based health services plan that addresses the need identified in
paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(3) The authority shall contract with a nonprofit organization with experience in facilitating school health planning initiatives and supporting school-based health centers in order to facilitate and oversee the planning process and to provide technical assistance to grantees to reduce costs and ensure better coordination and continuity statewide. To the greatest extent practicable, the nonprofit organization shall engage with culturally specific organizations, in the grantees' communities, that have experience providing culturally and linguistically specific services in schools or after-school programs.

(4) Each grantee shall solicit community participation in the planning process, including the participation of the local public health authority, any federally qualified health centers located in the district, a regional health equity coalition, if any, serving the district and every coordinated care organization with members residing in the district.

(5) At the conclusion of the two-year planning process, each grantee shall receive funding to operate a school-based health center or school nurse model in each respective grantee school district or education service district.

SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $950,000 to carry out the provisions of section 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 5. The Oregon Health Authority shall develop and implement a grant program to issue grants to school districts and education service districts, to be used to increase and improve school-based mental health services. The authority shall ensure that grants are made for the benefit of schools both with and without school-based health centers, as defined in ORS 413.225.

SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $5,980,000 to carry out the provisions of section 5 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 7. (1) The Department of Education shall select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive grants to implement programs that use trauma-informed approaches to improve educational outcomes.

(2) A school district or education service district may apply for a grant under this section by submitting an application to the department that describes the district's needs for a grant under this section and the district's plans for the use of the grant moneys.

(3) In selecting grant recipients, the department shall seek to distribute grant funding to maximize improvement of educational outcomes, with reference to factors including, without limitation, academic performance, graduation rates, absenteeism, failure rates and disciplinary incidents.

(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including prescribing the timelines for submitting an application under this section and the form and contents of the application.

(5) As used in this section, “trauma-informed approach” has the meaning given that term in section 5, chapter 68, Oregon Laws 2016.

SECTION 8. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the
General Fund, the amount of $5,000,000 to carry out the provisions of section 7 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 9. (1) The Department of Education shall select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive grants to develop wraparound service delivery hubs in schools.

(2) A school district or education service district may apply for a grant under this section by submitting an application to the department that describes the district's needs for a grant under this section and the district's plans for the use of the grant moneys.

(3) In selecting grant recipients, the department shall seek to distribute grant funding to maximize improvement of educational outcomes, with reference to factors including, without limitation, academic performance, graduation rates, absenteeism, failure rates and disciplinary incidents.

(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including prescribing the timelines for submitting an application under this section and the form and contents of the application.

(5) As used in this section, “wraparound service delivery hub” means a central location for the delivery of comprehensive, holistic, child-centered and family-centered services for children experiencing serious mental health or behavioral challenges.

SECTION 10. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $2,500,000 to carry out the provisions of section 9 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 11. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.