

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 695

Ordered by the Senate April 11  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (Pre-session filed.)

## 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.

*[Requires Oregon Health Authority to study potential pathways for local governments and nonprofit providers to receive Medicaid reimbursement directly for crisis response services. Directs authority to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2024.]*

**Establishes Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities Fund and appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Human Services for specified purposes related to expanding access to training in public programs, school districts and education service districts on nonviolent crisis intervention methods.**

**Establishes Safe School Culture Grant program in Department of Education for purposes of developing network of instructors certified in nonviolent crisis intervention methods to train school district and education service district staff to be certified in nonviolent crisis intervention methods. Specifies requirements for recipients of grants. Requires grants to be awarded by July 1, 2024.**

**Requires school districts and education service districts that receive grants through Safe School Culture Grant program to report specified data to Department of Education related to trainings funded with grants.**

**Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to funding for crisis response services; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, consisting of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities Fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. The moneys in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Human Services to:**

**(a) Facilitate training in crisis prevention, response and de-escalation in public programs;**

**(b) Provide grants or matching funds to support the certification of instructors in approved crisis response systems, to support programs training staff that interact with individuals served by public programs, to defray the reasonable costs of travel and materials and for stipends to reimburse staff for participating in the trainings; and**

**(c) Provide funding to the Department of Education to provide grants to school districts and education service districts through the Safe School Culture Grant program established in section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

**(2) The Department of Human Services may allocate up to three percent of the moneys in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities Fund for costs of administering**

**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 grants provided from the fund.

2 (3) The Department of Human Services may accept gifts, grants or contributions from  
3 any source, whether public or private, for deposit in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and  
4 Safe Communities Fund.

5 **SECTION 2.** (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, the Department of Education  
6 shall transfer \$4,000,000 to the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities Fund  
7 established in section 1 of this 2023 Act to pay for the Safe School Culture Grant program  
8 established in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

9 (2) Unobligated moneys from the moneys transferred by the department under subsection  
10 (1) of this section that remain in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities  
11 Fund at the end of a biennium shall be transferred to the Department of Education and de-  
12 posited to the Department of Education Account established in ORS 326.115.

13 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section, “certified instructor” means an individual who  
14 is certified as an instructor by the Crisis Prevention Institute’s Nonviolent Crisis Inter-  
15 vention program or by another program administered by a nationally recognized organization  
16 that provides training to certify individuals in nonviolent crisis intervention methods.

17 (2) The Safe School Culture Grant program is established in the Department of Education  
18 for the purpose of developing a network of certified instructors.

19 (3) Grants shall be distributed, in the manner prescribed by the department by rule, to  
20 districts based on the student population of the district, as provided in subsections (6) and  
21 (7) of this section, for the purpose of providing training sufficient to have at least one staff  
22 person for every 50 students who is certified in nonviolent crisis intervention methods. The  
23 rules shall, at a minimum:

24 (a) Provide reimbursement to school districts for wages or stipends paid to school district  
25 and education staff for the time spent attending training to become certified instructors, in  
26 a manner established by the department;

27 (b) Ensure districts and education service districts are only reimbursed for the costs  
28 related to individuals who complete the certification process as newly certified instructors;  
29 and

30 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, permit any unexpended moneys  
31 from grants to be used to support the costs of training staff in nonviolent crisis intervention  
32 methods by providing stipends and reimbursement for the cost of materials.

33 (4) To qualify for a grant, a school district must:

34 (a) Require each newly certified instructor to conduct at least three complete trainings  
35 of at least 10 district staff each year.

36 (b) Provide or arrange for the provision of the necessary physical space for the training.

37 (c) Consult with organizations representing teachers and instructional assistants, in de-  
38 termining the priority for which staff to train to ensure training is targeted to the areas in  
39 most need of support for increasing the safety of students and staff.

40 (d) Consult with organizations representing teachers and instructional assistants about  
41 compensation in wages, stipends or other means to support staff to participate in training  
42 to become certified instructors or to participate in training conducted by certified instruc-  
43 tors to become certified in nonviolent crisis intervention methods.

44 (5) To qualify for a grant, an education service district must:

45 (a) Ensure at least one complete nonviolent crisis intervention training of at least 10

1 staff persons is completed each month at the verbal intervention level or the physical  
2 intervention level, except that trainings for July and December may be offered in alternative  
3 months.

4 (b) Be responsible for providing or arranging for the physical space for the training.

5 (c) Not charge a fee to a school district or a staff member for the first 10 staff persons  
6 trained by certified instructors each year.

7 (d) Offer training in advanced physical skills only to individuals working in settings in  
8 which serious injuries have occurred or are at imminent risk of occurring.

9 (6) The department shall distribute funds through the Safe School Culture Grant program  
10 to school districts participating in the program a follows:

11 (a) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district with 1,500 or fewer  
12 students for the cost of one new certified instructor. If the district pays for the cost of a  
13 second new certified instructor, the grant will pay the cost of a third new certified instruc-  
14 tor.

15 (b) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district with between 1,501 and  
16 5,000 students for the cost of two new certified instructors. If the district pays for the cost  
17 of a third new certified instructor, the grant will pay the cost of a fourth new certified in-  
18 structor.

19 (c) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district with between 5,001 and  
20 8,000 students for the cost of two new certified instructors. The grant will match the cost  
21 of each additional new certified instructor funded by the district, up to a total of four new  
22 certified instructors.

23 (d) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district with between 8,001 and  
24 15,000 students for the cost of four new certified instructors. The grant will match the cost  
25 of each additional new certified instructor funded by the district, up to a total of eight new  
26 certified instructors.

27 (e) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district with between 15,001 and  
28 30,000 students for the cost of six new certified instructors. The grant will match the cost  
29 of each additional new certified instructor, up to a total of 14 new certified instructors.

30 (f) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district with more than 30,000  
31 students for the cost of six new certified instructors. The grant will match the cost of each  
32 additional new certified instructor, up to a total of 16 new certified instructors.

33 (7) The department shall distribute funds through the Safe School Culture Grant program  
34 to education service districts for two new certified instructors in advanced physical skills  
35 and one new certified instructor in verbal and physical intervention skills. The grant will  
36 match the cost of each new additional certified instructor up to a maximum of four new  
37 certified instructors in advanced physical skills and up to two new certified instructors in  
38 verbal and physical intervention skills.

39 (8) The department may use up to three percent of the grant funds to cover the  
40 department's costs in administering the program.

41 **SECTION 4.** (1) As used in this section, "certified instructor" has the meaning given that  
42 term in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

43 (2) A school district or education service district that participates in the Safe School  
44 Culture Grant program established in section 3 of this 2023 Act shall submit the following  
45 reports to the Department of Education on or before the specified dates:

1 (a) By December 1, 2023, and again by July 1, 2024, a report that includes:

2 (A) The total number of new certified instructors that were certified between July 1,  
3 2023, and the date of the report, including the dates on which the certified instructors re-  
4 ceived their certifications.

5 (B) A description of how the certified instructors are distributed across the district.

6 (C) An accounting of how many of the new certified instructors were funded by the  
7 school district and how many were funded by the grant provided by the Safe School Culture  
8 Grant program.

9 (D) The number of trainings held by each of the new certified instructors.

10 (E) The number of staff that were certified in nonviolent crisis intervention methods by  
11 completing a training by one of the new certified instructors.

12 (b) By December 1, 2024, and again by July 1, 2025, each school district and education  
13 service district participating in the grant program shall report to the department:

14 (A) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent crisis intervention meth-  
15 ods by completing a training with one of the new certified instructors.

16 (B) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent crisis intervention meth-  
17 ods by completing a training in verbal skills only.

18 (C) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent crisis intervention meth-  
19 ods by completing a training in verbal and physical intervention skills.

20 (D) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent crisis intervention meth-  
21 ods by completing a training in advanced physical skills.

22 (E) The total number of trainings held by each of the newly certified instructors between  
23 July 1, 2023, and the date of the trainings.

24 (F) A description of how the staff who were certified in nonviolent crisis intervention  
25 methods by completing a training are distributed across the district, including the ratio of  
26 trained staff to students in the district.

27 (G) A description of the district or education service district's assessment of whether and  
28 how many additional certified instructors, if any, are needed to certify staff in nonviolent  
29 crisis intervention methods.

30 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Education shall provide grants through the Safe School  
31 Culture Grant program, established in section 3 of this 2023 Act, no later than July 1, 2024.

32 **SECTION 6.** Section 4 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

33 **SECTION 7.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect  
35 July 1, 2023.

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