## House Bill 2421

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER (Presession 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 **as introduced.** 

Directs school districts to expend at least 65 percent of operational expenditures on classroom instruction expenditures. Allows school districts to phase in expenditure requirement. Allows Superintendent of Public Instruction to grant waiver of requirement.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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- 2 Relating to school districts; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 SECTION 1. As used in this section and sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act:
- 5 (1) "Classroom instruction expenditures" means expenditures directly related to class-6 room instruction, including but not limited to expenditures for:
- 7 (a) Teacher and instructional staff salaries and benefits;
- 8 (b) Textbooks and other instructional materials;
- 9 (c) Classroom computers;
- 10 (d) General instructional supplies; and
- 11 (e) Libraries and librarians.
- 12 (2) "Instruction" includes, but is not limited to:
- 13 (a) Activities that are directly related to the interaction between students and teachers 14 or instructional staff;
- 15 **(b) Special education;**
- 16 (c) English as a second language instruction;
- 17 (d) Instruction provided by tutors; and
- 18 (e) Class activities, including but not limited to field trips, physical education, music, the 19 arts and multidisciplinary learning.
- 20 (3) "Operational expenditures" means all expenditures a school district makes, except for:
- 21 (a) Capital construction;
  - (b) Debt or bond payments; and
- 23 (c) Facility rent or lease payments.
  - <u>SECTION 2.</u> Each fiscal year, a school district shall expend at least 65 percent of the school district's operational expenditures on classroom instruction expenditures.
- 26 <u>SECTION 3.</u> (1) Notwithstanding section 2 of this 2007 Act, if a school district does not meet the requirements of section 2 of this 2007 Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,
- 28 the school district shall increase the school district's classroom instruction expenditures by
- 29 two percent or more of the school district's operational expenditures each fiscal year until
- 30 the school district meets the requirements of section 2 of this 2007 Act.

**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.

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(2) A school district may request from the Superintendent of Public Instruction a one-	
year waiver of the requirements of subsection (1) of this section and section 2 of this 2007	
Act.	
(3) The superintendent shall grant or deny a school district waiver request within 45 days	
of receipt of the request. The superintendent may grant a portion of a waiver request. The	
superintendent may renew a waiver upon request from a school district.	
SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2007 Act applies to fiscal years beginning on or after July	
1, 2007.	

<u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect on its passage.