

# House Bill 3144

Sponsored by Representative FLORES; Representatives DALLUM, THATCHER

## 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 Department of Education to award grants to school districts, community colleges and state institutions of higher education for programs that assist students in preparing for college.

Establishes College Preparation Grant Fund. Appropriates fund continuously to department for awarding grants.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for College Preparation Grant Fund.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to college preparation grants; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. The College Preparation Grant Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the College Preparation Grant Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for awarding grants under section 2 of this 2007 Act.**

**SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Education may award grants to school districts, community colleges and state institutions of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 for the purpose of providing college preparation programs to students.**

**(2) A district, college or institution that receives a grant under this section may use the grant to:**

**(a) Allow high school juniors and seniors to take college entrance examinations including the American College Testing program (ACT) and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT);**

**(b) Provide remedial courses to students to prepare students for the first year of college;**

**(c) Allow students to take advanced placement (AP) courses and advanced placement tests; and**

**(d) Provide other programs that assist students in preparing for college.**

**(3) The State Board of Education shall appoint an advisory board to assist the board in establishing criteria for dispensing grant moneys and reviewing grant applications.**

**(4) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of the grant program.**

**SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10 million for the College Preparation Grant Fund.**

**SECTION 4. 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 July 1, 2007.**

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