77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2013 Regular Session

Enrolled House Bill 3264

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH, Senator DEVLIN

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to assisting students with disabilities to make transition into life after high school; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Education shall establish a pilot program for the purpose of assisting students with disabilities transition into life after high school.

(2) Under the pilot program, school districts shall develop and implement strategies for:

(a) Providing information to students with disabilities about opportunities that are available after high school and about the assistance that is available to students to pursue those opportunities; and

(b) Assisting students with disabilities in pursuing opportunities after high school, including assistance in:

(A) Applying for and funding post-secondary education and achieving success in postsecondary education;

(B) Securing employment; and

(C) Accessing support services or community services that may assist the student in achieving independence after high school.

(3) The Department of Education shall identify at least five school districts to participate in the pilot program. The participating school districts must include:

(a) One school district that serves 10,000 or more students;

(b) One school district that is a small school district, as determined by the department; and

(c) One school district that serves a rural community, as determined by the department. (4)(a) A school district that is participating in the pilot program may:

(A) Accept assistance from organizations with experience in assisting students with disabilities transition into life after high school; and

(B) Pay for the expenses incurred by an organization that provides assistance as allowed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(b) The Department of Education shall facilitate partnerships between school districts participating in the pilot program and organizations with experience in assisting students with disabilities transition into life after high school.

(5) The Department of Education shall award grants to school districts that participate in the pilot program from moneys appropriated to the department for the pilot program. <u>SECTION 2.</u> The Department of Education shall report at least annually on the progress of the pilot program established by section 1 of this 2013 Act. The report shall be submitted to the appropriate legislative committees on education no later than June 1 of each year.

SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act are repealed on June 30, 2015.

SECTION 4. 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, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$50,000, which may be expended for the pilot program established by section 1 of this 2013 Act.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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