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SUMMARY

Provides that interest earned by Legal Aid Account shall be credited to account.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to funding of legal aid; amending ORS 9.577; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 9.577 is amended to read:

6 9.577. (1) The Legal Aid Account is established in the General Fund of the
7 State Treasury. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to
8 the State Court Administrator for the purpose of the distributions required
9 by this section. Interest earned by the account shall be credited to the
10 [*General Fund*] **account.**

11 (2) Each month, the State Court Administrator shall transfer to the Legal
12 Aid Account, from amounts collected by the State Court Administrator as
13 fees and charges in the circuit courts, the amounts necessary to make the
14 distributions required by subsection (3) of this section.

15 (3) Each biennium, the State Court Administrator shall distribute to the
16 Oregon State Bar \$11.9 million from the Legal Aid Account. Distributions
17 under this section shall be made by the State Court Administrator in eight
18 quarterly installments of equal amounts, with the first distribution to be
19 made as soon as possible after July 1, 2011. Amounts distributed to the
20 Oregon State Bar under this subsection may be used only for the funding of

1 the Legal Services Program established under ORS 9.572.

2 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
3 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
4 **clared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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