

House Bill 2815

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH

SUMMARY

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Provides funding for instruction of talented and gifted children based on amount per student. Requires school districts to provide instruction for talented and gifted children.

First applies to 2015-2016 school year.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to funding for talented and gifted children; creating new provisions; amending ORS 327.008,
3 327.023, 343.395, 343.396, 343.397 and 343.411; repealing ORS 343.399 and 343.401; and declaring
4 an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 327.008, as amended by section 7, chapter 735, Oregon Laws 2013, and section
7 7, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

8 327.008. (1) There is established a State School Fund in the General Fund. The fund shall consist
9 of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and moneys transferred from the Education
10 Stability Fund. The State School Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Education
11 for the purposes of ORS 327.006 to 327.077, 327.095, 327.099, 327.101, 327.125, 327.137, 327.348,
12 336.575, 336.580, 336.635, 342.173, 343.243, 343.533 and 343.961 and section 2, chapter 81, Oregon
13 Laws 2014.

14 (2) There shall be apportioned from the State School Fund to each school district a State School
15 Fund grant, consisting of the positive amount equal to a general purpose grant and a facility grant
16 and a transportation grant and a high cost disabilities grant minus local revenue, computed as pro-
17 vided in ORS 327.011 and 327.013.

18 (3) There shall be apportioned from the State School Fund to each education service district a
19 State School Fund grant as calculated under ORS 327.019.

20 (4) All figures used in the determination of the distribution of the State School Fund shall be
21 estimates for the same year as the distribution occurs, unless otherwise specified.

22 (5) Numbers of students in average daily membership used in the distribution formula shall be
23 the numbers as of June of the year of distribution.

24 (6) A school district may not use the portion of the State School Fund grant that is attributable
25 to the facility grant for capital construction costs.

26 (7) The total amount of the State School Fund that is distributed as facility grants may not ex-
27 ceed \$20 million in any biennium. If the total amount to be distributed as facility grants exceeds this
28 limitation, the Department of Education shall prorate the amount of funds available for facility
29 grants among those school districts that qualified for a facility grant.

30 (8) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer to the Pediatric Nursing Facil-

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 ity Account established in section 5, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, the amount necessary to pay
 2 the costs of educational services provided to students admitted to pediatric nursing facilities as
 3 provided in section 2, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014.

4 (9) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer the amount of \$18 million from
 5 the State School Fund to the High Cost Disabilities Account established in ORS 327.348.

6 (10)(a) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall transfer \$33 million from the State
 7 School Fund to the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning Fund established under ORS 342.953.

8 (b) For the purpose of making the transfer under this subsection:

9 (A) The total amount available for all distributions from the State School Fund shall be reduced
 10 by \$5 million;

11 (B) The amount distributed to school districts from the State School Fund under this section and
 12 ORS 327.013 shall be reduced by \$14 million; and

13 (C) The amount distributed to education service districts from the State School Fund under this
 14 section and ORS 327.019 shall be reduced by \$14 million.

15 (c) For each biennium, the amounts identified in paragraph (b)(B) and (C) of this subsection shall
 16 be adjusted by the same percentage by which the amount appropriated to the State School Fund for
 17 that biennium is increased or decreased compared to the preceding biennium, as determined by the
 18 Department of Education after consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Officer.

19 (11) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education may expend up to \$550,000 from the State
 20 School Fund for the contract described in ORS 329.488. The amount distributed to education service
 21 districts from the State School Fund under this section and ORS 327.019 shall be reduced by the
 22 amount expended by the department under this subsection.

23 (12) Each biennium, the Department of Education may expend up to \$350,000 from the State
 24 School Fund to provide administration of and support for the development of talented and gifted
 25 education under ORS 343.404.

26 **(13) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall distribute from the State School**
 27 **Fund to school districts for each student identified as a talented and gifted child under ORS**
 28 **343.391 to 343.413 an amount that equals:**

29 **(a) \$300 per student if the school district has identified fewer than 75 talented and gifted**
 30 **children in the school district; or**

31 **(b) \$250 per student if the school district has identified 75 or more talented and gifted**
 32 **children in the school district.**

33 [(13)] (14) Each biennium, the Department of Education may expend up to \$150,000 from the
 34 State School Fund for the administration of a program to increase the number of speech-language
 35 pathologists and speech-language pathology assistants under ORS 348.394 to 348.406.

36 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 327.008 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to State**
 37 **School Fund distributions commencing with the 2015-2016 distributions.**

38 **SECTION 3.** ORS 327.008, as amended by section 7, chapter 735, Oregon Laws 2013, section 7,
 39 chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, and section 1 of this 2015 Act, is amended to read:

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 42 Stability Fund. The State School Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Education
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 3 and a transportation grant and a high cost disabilities grant minus local revenue, computed as pro-
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 8 estimates for the same year as the distribution occurs, unless otherwise specified.

9 (5) Numbers of students in average daily membership used in the distribution formula shall be
 10 the numbers as of June of the year of distribution.

11 (6) A school district may not use the portion of the State School Fund grant that is attributable
 12 to the facility grant for capital construction costs.

13 (7) The total amount of the State School Fund that is distributed as facility grants may not ex-
 14 ceed \$20 million in any biennium. If the total amount to be distributed as facility grants exceeds this
 15 limitation, the Department of Education shall prorate the amount of funds available for facility
 16 grants among those school districts that qualified for a facility grant.

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 19 the costs of educational services provided to students admitted to pediatric nursing facilities as
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 22 the State School Fund to the High Cost Disabilities Account established in ORS 327.348.

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 24 School Fund to the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning Fund established under ORS 342.953.

25 (b) For the purpose of making the transfer under this subsection:

26 (A) The total amount available for all distributions from the State School Fund shall be reduced
 27 by \$5 million;

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 29 ORS 327.013 shall be reduced by \$14 million; and

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 31 section and ORS 327.019 shall be reduced by \$14 million.

32 (c) For each biennium, the amounts identified in paragraph (b)(B) and (C) of this subsection shall
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 39 amount expended by the department under this subsection.

40 (12) Each biennium, the Department of Education may expend up to \$350,000 from the State
 41 School Fund to provide administration of and support for the development of talented and gifted
 42 education under ORS 343.404.

43 (13) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall distribute from the State School Fund
 44 to school districts **\$375** for each student identified as a talented and gifted child under ORS 343.391
 45 to 343.413. [*an amount that equals:*]

1 *[(a) \$300 per student if the school district has identified fewer than 75 talented and gifted children*
 2 *in the school district; or]*

3 *[(b) \$250 per student if the school district has identified 75 or more talented and gifted children in*
 4 *the school district.]*

5 (14) Each biennium, the Department of Education may expend up to \$150,000 from the State
 6 School Fund for the administration of a program to increase the number of speech-language
 7 pathologists and speech-language pathology assistants under ORS 348.394 to 348.406.

8 **SECTION 4. (1) The amendments to ORS 327.008 by section 3 of this 2015 Act become**
 9 **operative on July 1, 2017.**

10 **(2) The amendments to ORS 327.008 by section 3 of this 2015 Act apply to State School**
 11 **Fund distributions commencing with the 2017-2018 distributions.**

12 **SECTION 5.** ORS 327.008, as amended by section 7, chapter 735, Oregon Laws 2013, section 7,
 13 chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, and sections 1 and 3 of this 2015 Act, is amended to read:

14 327.008. (1) There is established a State School Fund in the General Fund. The fund shall consist
 15 of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and moneys transferred from the Education
 16 Stability Fund. The State School Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Education
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 27 estimates for the same year as the distribution occurs, unless otherwise specified.

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 29 the numbers as of June of the year of distribution.

30 (6) A school district may not use the portion of the State School Fund grant that is attributable
 31 to the facility grant for capital construction costs.

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 33 ceed \$20 million in any biennium. If the total amount to be distributed as facility grants exceeds this
 34 limitation, the Department of Education shall prorate the amount of funds available for facility
 35 grants among those school districts that qualified for a facility grant.

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 37 ity Account established in section 5, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, the amount necessary to pay
 38 the costs of educational services provided to students admitted to pediatric nursing facilities as
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 41 the State School Fund to the High Cost Disabilities Account established in ORS 327.348.

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 43 School Fund to the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning Fund established under ORS 342.953.

44 (b) For the purpose of making the transfer under this subsection:

45 (A) The total amount available for all distributions from the State School Fund shall be reduced

1 by \$5 million;

2 (B) The amount distributed to school districts from the State School Fund under this section and
 3 ORS 327.013 shall be reduced by \$14 million; and

4 (C) The amount distributed to education service districts from the State School Fund under this
 5 section and ORS 327.019 shall be reduced by \$14 million.

6 (c) For each biennium, the amounts identified in paragraph (b)(B) and (C) of this subsection shall
 7 be adjusted by the same percentage by which the amount appropriated to the State School Fund for
 8 that biennium is increased or decreased compared to the preceding biennium, as determined by the
 9 Department of Education after consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Officer.

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 11 School Fund for the contract described in ORS 329.488. The amount distributed to education service
 12 districts from the State School Fund under this section and ORS 327.019 shall be reduced by the
 13 amount expended by the department under this subsection.

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 15 School Fund to provide administration of and support for the development of talented and gifted
 16 education under ORS 343.404.

17 (13) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall distribute from the State School Fund
 18 to school districts [~~\$375~~] **\$500** for each student identified as a talented and gifted child under ORS
 19 343.391 to 343.413.

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 21 School Fund for the administration of a program to increase the number of speech-language
 22 pathologists and speech-language pathology assistants under ORS 348.394 to 348.406.

23 **SECTION 6. (1) The amendments to ORS 327.008 by section 5 of this 2015 Act become**
 24 **operative on July 1, 2019.**

25 **(2) The amendments to ORS 327.008 by section 5 of this 2015 Act apply to State School**
 26 **Fund distributions commencing with the 2019-2020 distributions.**

27 **SECTION 7.** ORS 327.023, as amended by section 8, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended
 28 to read:

29 327.023. In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund, the Department
 30 of Education shall provide from state funds appropriated therefor, grants in aid or support for spe-
 31 cial and compensatory education programs including:

32 (1) The Oregon School for the Deaf.

33 (2) Medicaid match for administration efforts to secure Medicaid funds for services provided to
 34 children with disabilities.

35 (3) Hospital programs for education services to children who are hospitalized for extended pe-
 36 riods of time or who require hospitalization due to severe disabilities as described in ORS 343.261.

37 (4) Day treatment programs and residential treatment programs for education services to chil-
 38 dren who are placed by the state in long term care or treatment facilities as described in ORS
 39 343.961.

40 (5) Regional services provided to children with low-incidence disabling conditions as described
 41 in ORS 343.236.

42 (6) Early childhood special education provided to preschool children with disabilities from age
 43 three until age of eligibility for kindergarten as described in ORS 339.185, 343.035, 343.041, 343.055,
 44 343.065, 343.157 and 343.455 to 343.534.

45 (7) Early intervention services for preschool children from birth until age three as described in

1 ORS 339.185, 343.035, 343.041, 343.055, 343.065, 343.157 and 343.455 to 343.534.

2 (8) Evaluation services for children with disabilities to determine program eligibility and needs
3 as described in ORS 343.146.

4 (9) Education services to children residing at state hospitals.

5 (10) Disadvantaged children program under ORS 343.680.

6 (11) Early childhood education under ORS 329.235.

7 (12) Child development specialist program under ORS 329.255.

8 (13) Youth care centers under ORS 420.885.

9 (14) Staff development and mentoring.

10 (15) Career and technical education grants.

11 (16) Special science education programs.

12 [(17) *Talented and Gifted children program under ORS 343.391 to 343.413.*]

13 [(18)] (17) Pediatric nursing facility programs for educational services provided to students who
14 are admitted to pediatric nursing facilities as provided in section 2, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014.

15 **SECTION 8.** ORS 343.395 is amended to read:

16 343.395. As used in ORS 343.391 to 343.413, unless the context requires otherwise:

17 [(1) *“Application” means a request for state funds that is submitted by a school district under ORS*
18 *343.399 to develop and operate programs for students under a written plan of instruction for talented*
19 *and gifted children described in ORS 343.397.*]

20 [(2)] (1) “Identification” means the formal process of screening and selecting talented and gifted
21 children according to administrative rules established by the [board] **State Board of Education.**

22 [(3)] (2) “School district” has the meaning given that term in ORS 330.005 (2). [*“School district”*
23 *includes, where appropriate, an education service district, state operated schools or programs or a*
24 *consortium of school districts submitting a joint application.*]

25 [(4)] (3) “Talented and gifted children” means those children who require special educational
26 programs or services, or both, beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in
27 order to realize their contribution to self and society and who demonstrate outstanding ability or
28 potential in one or more of the following areas:

29 (a) General intellectual ability as commonly measured by measures of intelligence and aptitude.

30 (b) Unusual academic ability in one or more academic areas.

31 (c) Creative ability in using original or nontraditional methods in thinking and producing.

32 (d) Leadership ability in motivating the performance of others either in educational or nonedu-
33 cational settings.

34 (e) Ability in the visual or performing arts, such as dance, music or art.

35 **SECTION 9.** ORS 343.396 is amended to read:

36 343.396. It is legislative policy that[, *when*]:

37 (1) Talented and gifted programs [*are offered, the programs*] should be provided by common or
38 union high school districts, combinations of [*such*] **common and union high school** districts, or
39 education service districts, in accordance with ORS 334.175[, *and that*]; **and**

40 (2) The state will provide financial and technical support to the districts to implement the edu-
41 cation programs [*within the limits of available funds*].

42 **SECTION 10.** ORS 343.397 is amended to read:

43 343.397. (1) [A school district shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction] **Each**
44 **school district must develop** a written plan of instruction for talented and gifted children. The
45 plan shall include, but not be limited to:

1 [(1)] (a) A statement of school district policy on the education of talented and gifted children;

2 [(2)] (b) An assessment of current special programs and services provided by the district for
3 talented and gifted children;

4 [(3)] (c) A statement of district goals for providing comprehensive special programs and services
5 and over what span of time the goals will be achieved;

6 [(4)] (d) A description of the nature of the special programs and services [which] **that** will be
7 provided to accomplish the goals; and

8 [(5)] (e) A plan for evaluating progress on the district plan including each component program
9 and service.

10 **(2) A plan may be developed under this section jointly with other school districts and with
11 education service districts.**

12 **(3) The State Board of Education may adopt by rule standards that a school district must
13 implement through a plan developed under this section. The standards may involve identifi-
14 cation procedures, student assessments and evaluative procedures.**

15 **(4) School districts shall account for amounts expended for the instruction of talented
16 and gifted children on a form acceptable to the Department of Education, as described in
17 rules adopted by the board.**

18 **SECTION 11.** ORS 343.411 is amended to read:

19 343.411. (1) ORS 343.407 and 343.409 apply to the identification of and provision of special edu-
20 cational programs and services for children described in ORS 343.395 [(4)(a)] **(3)(a)** and (b) and rules
21 adopted by the State Board of Education.

22 (2) School districts may identify and provide special educational programs and services for
23 children who demonstrate creative abilities, leadership abilities or unusual abilities in the visual or
24 performing arts as described in ORS 343.395 [(4)(c)] **(3)(c)**, (d) and (e) and rules adopted by the board.

25 (3) The board shall adopt state guidelines for the identification and provision of special educa-
26 tional programs and services described in subsection (2) of this section.

27 **SECTION 12.** **ORS 343.399 and 343.401 are repealed.**

28 **SECTION 13.** **The amendments to ORS 327.023, 343.395, 343.396 and 343.397 by sections 7
29 to 10 of this 2015 Act and the repeal of ORS 343.399 and 343.401 by section 12 of this 2015 Act
30 first apply to the 2015-2016 school year.**

31 **SECTION 14.** **This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
33 July 1, 2015.**