

# Senate Bill 896

Sponsored by Senators ROBLAN, KNOPP

## SUMMARY

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Increases threshold under which school district may receive additional State School Fund monies for student eligible for special education.

Increases amount transferred each year to High Cost Disabilities Account.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to distributions from the State School Fund for students with disabilities; creating new  
3 provisions; amending ORS 327.008 and 327.013; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 327.013 is amended to read:

6 327.013. The State School Fund distributions for school districts include the following grants:

7 (1) General Purpose Grant = Funding Percentage × Target Grant × District extended ADMw.

8 For the purpose of the calculation made under this subsection:

9 (a) The funding percentage shall be calculated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to  
10 distribute as nearly as practicable the total sum of money available for distribution.

11 (b) Target Grant = Statewide Target per ADMw Grant + Teacher Experience Factor. For the  
12 purpose of the calculation made under this paragraph:

13 (A) Statewide Target per ADMw Grant = \$4,500.

14 (B) Teacher Experience Factor = \$25 × {District average teacher experience – statewide av-  
15 erage teacher experience}. As used in this subparagraph, “average teacher experience” means the  
16 average, in years, of teaching experience of licensed teachers as reported to the Department of Ed-  
17 ucation.

18 (c) District extended ADMw = ADMw or ADMw of the prior year, whichever is greater. The  
19 calculation of the district extended ADMw must be made as provided by ORS 338.155 (1)(b) if a  
20 public charter school is located in the school district. For the purpose of this paragraph:

21 (A) Weighted average daily membership or ADMw = average daily membership + an additional  
22 amount computed as follows:

23 (i) 1.0 for each student in average daily membership eligible for special education as a child with  
24 a disability under ORS 343.035, which may not exceed [11] **13** percent of the district's ADM without  
25 review and approval by the Department of Education. Children with disabilities eligible for special  
26 education in adult local correctional facilities, as defined in ORS 169.005, or adult regional  
27 correctional facilities, as defined in ORS 169.620, may not be included in the calculation made under  
28 this sub-subparagraph.

29 (ii) 0.5 for each student in average daily membership eligible for and enrolled in an English as  
30 a second language program under ORS 336.079.

**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 (iii) 0.2 for each student in average daily membership enrolled in a union high school district  
2 or in an area of a unified school district where the district is only responsible for educating students  
3 in grades 9 through 12 in that area.

4 (iv) -0.1 for each student in average daily membership enrolled in an elementary district oper-  
5 ating kindergarten through grade six or kindergarten through grade eight or in an area of a unified  
6 school district where the district is only responsible for educating students in kindergarten through  
7 grade eight.

8 (v) 0.25 times the sum of the following:

9 (I) The number of students who are in average daily membership and who are also in poverty  
10 families, as determined by the Department of Education based on rules adopted by the State Board  
11 of Education that incorporate poverty data published by the United States Census Bureau, student  
12 data provided by school districts and other data identified by the board;

13 (II) The number of children in foster homes in the district as determined by the report of the  
14 Department of Human Services to the United States Department of Education, "Annual Statistical  
15 Report on Children in Foster Homes and Children in Families Receiving AFDC Payments in Excess  
16 of the Poverty Income Level," or its successor, for October 31 of the year prior to the year of dis-  
17 tribution; and

18 (III) The number of children in the district in state-recognized facilities for neglected and de-  
19 linquent children, based on information from the Department of Human Services for October 31 of  
20 the year prior to the year of distribution.

21 (vi) The amount determined under ORS 327.077 for each remote small elementary school and for  
22 each small high school in the district.

23 (B) All numbers of children used for the computation in this paragraph must reflect any district  
24 consolidations that have occurred since the numbers were compiled.

25 (C) The total additional weight that shall be assigned to any student in average daily member-  
26 ship in a district, exclusive of students described in subparagraph (A)(v) and (vi) of this paragraph,  
27 may not exceed 2.0.

28 (2) High cost disabilities grant = the total amount received by a school district under ORS  
29 327.348 for providing special education and related services to resident pupils with disabilities.

30 (3)(a) Transportation grant equals:

31 (A) 70 percent of approved transportation costs for those school districts ranked below the 80th  
32 percentile under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

33 (B) 80 percent of approved transportation costs for those school districts ranked in or above the  
34 80th percentile but below the 90th percentile under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

35 (C) 90 percent of approved transportation costs for those school districts ranked in or above the  
36 90th percentile under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

37 (b) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall rank school districts based on the ap-  
38 proved transportation costs per ADM of each school district, ranking the school district with the  
39 highest approved transportation costs per ADM at the top of the order.

40 (4)(a) Facility Grant = 8 percent of total construction costs of new school buildings.

41 (b) A school district shall receive a Facility Grant in the distribution year that a new school  
42 building is first used.

43 (c) As used in this subsection:

44 (A) "New school building" includes new school buildings, structures added onto existing school  
45 buildings and premanufactured structures added to a school district if those buildings or structures

1 are to be used for instructing students.

2 (B) "Construction costs" does not include costs for land acquisition.

3 **SECTION 2.** ORS 327.008, as amended by section 6, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended  
4 to read:

5 327.008. (1) There is established a State School Fund in the General Fund. The fund shall consist  
6 of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and moneys transferred from the Education  
7 Stability Fund. The State School Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Education  
8 for the purposes of ORS 327.006 to 327.077, 327.095, 327.099, 327.101, 327.125, 327.137, 327.348,  
9 336.575, 336.580, 336.635, 342.173, 343.243, 343.533 and 343.961 and sections 1 to 3, chapter 735,  
10 Oregon Laws 2013, and section 2, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (8) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer to the Pediatric Nursing Facil-  
28 ity Account established in section 5, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014, the amount necessary to pay  
29 the costs of educational services provided to students admitted to pediatric nursing facilities as  
30 provided in section 2, chapter 81, Oregon Laws 2014.

31 (9) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer the amount of [*\$18 million*] **\$36**  
32 **million** from the State School Fund to the High Cost Disabilities Account established in ORS  
33 327.348.

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

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

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

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

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

43 (c) For each biennium, the amounts identified in paragraph (b)(B) and (C) of this subsection shall  
44 be adjusted by the same percentage by which the amount appropriated to the State School Fund for  
45 that biennium is increased or decreased compared to the preceding biennium, as determined by the

1 Department of Education after consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Officer.

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

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

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

12 (14) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer the amount of \$2.5 million from  
13 the State School Fund to the Small School District Supplement Fund established in section 3, chap-  
14 ter 735, Oregon Laws 2013.

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24 **SECTION 4. The amendments to ORS 327.008 and 327.013 by sections 1 to 3 of this 2015**  
25 **Act apply to State School Fund distributions commencing with the 2015-2016 distributions.**

26 **SECTION 5. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
28 **July 1, 2015.**