

# House Bill 2436

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Provides for payment of program expenses of study abroad program for eligible students.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to study abroad programs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Eligible student" means a student who meets academic requirements prescribed by**  
6 **the State Board of Education by rule and who:**

7 (A) **Is in the care of a foster parent;**

8 (B) **Is a ward of the state; or**

9 (C) **Is eligible for free or reduced price lunches under the United States Department of**  
10 **Agriculture's current Income Eligibility Guidelines.**

11 (b) **"Program expenses" includes:**

12 (A) **Tuition, fees and books for a study abroad program;**

13 (B) **Lodging for the duration of a study abroad program;**

14 (C) **Travel to and from a study abroad program; and**

15 (D) **Nominal incidentals that normally would be incurred as part of a study abroad pro-**  
16 **gram, as identified by the State Board of Education by rule.**

17 (c) **"Study abroad program" means an education program for grade 11 or 12 that:**

18 (A) **Is provided in a country other than the United States; and**

19 (B) **Provides courses that satisfy requirements for a high school diploma, as prescribed**  
20 **under ORS 329.451.**

21 (2) **An eligible student may have the program expenses of a study abroad program paid**  
22 **for as provided by this section.**

23 (3) **The program expenses of a study abroad program may be paid as provided by this**  
24 **section only if the program meets the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Edu-**  
25 **cation, as determined by the Department of Education.**

26 (4)(a) **The Department of Education shall make a distribution for an eligible student**  
27 **participating in a study abroad program in an amount that equals the lesser of:**

28 (A) **The program expenses of a study abroad program; or**

29 (B) **An amount determined by the Department of Education each school year to equal the**  
30 **average per student distribution of moneys from the State School Fund as general purpose**  
31 **grants for all school districts in this state, without any adjustments by weight as described**  
32 **in ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A).**

**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       **(b) A distribution made under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be deducted from the**  
2 **general purpose grant for the school district in which the eligible student is a resident.**

3       **(c) The State Board of Education shall prescribe by rule the manner in which distrib-**  
4 **utions are made under this subsection.**

5       **(5)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, if the program expenses of a study**  
6 **abroad program are more than the amount determined under subsection (4)(a)(B) of this**  
7 **section, the eligible student must provide the difference between the program expenses and**  
8 **the amount determined under subsection (4)(a)(B) in order for a distribution to be made**  
9 **under subsection (4) of this section.**

10       **(b) The Department of Education or a school district may solicit and accept gifts, grants,**  
11 **donations and other moneys from public and private sources for the purpose of assisting an**  
12 **eligible student with the amount of any difference described under paragraph (a) of this**  
13 **subsection.**

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