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Requested by Representative HUDSON

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2368

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30 and delete pages 2 2 and 3 and insert:

³ "SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

"(a) 'Culturally responsive' means the implicit use of the cultural
knowledge, prior experiences, frames of reference and performance
styles of a student to ensure that teaching is more appropriate and
effective for the student.

"(b) 'Culturally specific community organization' means an organization that:

"(A) Serves students in kindergarten through grade 12 from a spe cific cultural community; and

12 "(B) Is primarily staffed and led by members of that community.

"(c) 'Trauma-informed approach' means a strengths-based approach that recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students, families and staff and responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures and practices for the purposes of resisting the reoccurrence of trauma and promoting resiliency.

18 "(d) 'Underserved students' includes students:

"(A) For which the Department of Education has developed and
 implemented a statewide plan under ORS 329.841, 329.843 or 329.845;
 "(B) Who are English language learners;

"(C) Who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit,
 intersex, asexual, nonbinary or another minority gender identity or
 gender orientation;

4 "(D) Who are from families in poverty;

5 "(E) Who are homeless;

6 "(F) Who have a disability;

7 "(G) Who are female; or

8 "(H) Who are from a rural community.

"(2) The Department of Education, in coordination with the Oregon 9 Health Authority, shall establish a pilot program to promote and sup-10 port positive student mental and behavioral health by using trauma-11 informed approaches that are culturally responsive. Under the pilot 12 program, the department shall coordinate with the authority to dis-13 tribute moneys to school districts, education service districts and cul-14 turally specific community organizations for the purpose of improving 15educational outcomes by implementing trauma-informed approaches 16 to education, health services and intervention strategies. 17

"(3)(a) A school district, an education service district or a culturally specific community organization may apply to receive moneys under this section by submitting an application that includes a proposal consistent with subsection (4) of this section.

"(b) A school district or an education service district may submit
 an application jointly with one or more community partners that will
 participate with the district in the pilot program.

"(4) The department shall distribute moneys to an applicant based
on the applicant's proposal to design and implement a program to
promote and support positive student mental and behavioral health
by using trauma-informed approaches to education, health services
and intervention strategies. The proposal must include a plan that:

30 "(a) Uses one or more trauma-informed approaches that are:

1 "(A) Culturally responsive;

"(B) Aligned with mental health guidance from the department; and
"(C) Intended to promote and support positive student mental and
behavioral health;

"(b) Delivers ongoing professional development and support for educators, school district or education service district professionals,
counselors, nurses, classified staff and other staff in trauma-informed
practices that are culturally responsive;

9 "(c) Provides for at least one mental or behavioral health profes-10 sional who oversees the implementation of the plan, including coordi-11 nating the approach described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and 12 coordinating the professional development and support described in 13 paragraph (b) of this subsection;

"(d) Indicates how an approach coordinated under paragraph (a) of
 this subsection meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this sub section and provides an understanding, recognition and responsiveness
 to the effects of trauma on education, absenteeism and school com pletion; and

"(e) Engages authentically with communities of historically under served students and their families.

"(5) The department shall prescribe the timelines by which an applicant may submit an application to receive moneys under this section and the form of the application.

"(6) The department shall evaluate and rank the proposals submit ted in the applications based on:

26 "(a) Alignment with the requirements described in subsection (4)
 27 of this section;

"(b) The potential to positively impact underserved students and
 their families in the area of mental and behavioral health; and
 "(c) Equity-based criteria developed by the department.

"(7) The department shall distribute moneys to applicants based on:
 "(a) The evaluations and rankings described in subsection (6) of this
 section; and

4 "(b) The moneys appropriated to the department for the purpose
5 of this section.

6 "(8) Each participating school district, education service district 7 and culturally specific community organization shall provide annual 8 reports on the progress of the program to the department to enable 9 the department to determine the effectiveness of the program accord-10 ing to the social-emotional learning standards and mental and behav-11 ioral health measures established by the State Board of Education.

"(9) The Department of Education shall submit reports to the in terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education as
 follows:

"(a) The first report must be submitted no later than September 15,
 2021, and must provide information on the progress of the pilot pro gram.

(b) The second report must be submitted no later than June 30, 2024, and must provide evaluations of individual applicants and an evaluation of the pilot program as a whole based on the outcomes of the pilot program.

"SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on June 30, 2024.
"SECTION 3. 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, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be expended for the pilot program established by section 1 of this 2021 Act.

"<u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate
 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
 declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.".
