

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2257

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Establishes School Safety Construction Fund in State Treasury, separate and distinct from General Fund. Appropriates moneys in fund continuously to Department of Education for purposes of making grants to school districts, **to education service districts, to Oregon School for the Deaf and to public school districts that apply on behalf of charter school chartered within school district** for construction projects that address urgent school safety needs. Specifies priorities for grant moneys.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to funding for constructing school infrastructure that promotes student safety; and pre-
3 scribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The School Safety Construction Fund is established in the State Treas-**
6 **ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

7 **(2)(a) The School Safety Construction Fund consists of moneys that the Legislative As-**
8 **sembly appropriates each biennium for the purpose of replenishing the School Safety Con-**
9 **struction Fund.**

10 **(b) Moneys in the School Safety Construction Fund may be invested as provided in ORS**
11 **293.701 to 293.857. Interest that the fund earns must be credited to the fund.**

12 **(3) The Department of Education, on behalf of the state, may solicit and accept gifts,**
13 **grants, donations and other moneys from public and private sources for the School Safety**
14 **Construction Fund. The department shall deposit moneys the department receives as pro-**
15 **vided in this subsection into the School Safety Construction Fund.**

16 **(4)(a) Moneys in the School Safety Construction Fund are continuously appropriated to**
17 **the department for the purpose of making grants to school districts for school infrastructure**
18 **construction projects. In making grants under this subsection, the department shall prior-**
19 **itize funding for projects that are urgently needed to protect student and faculty health,**
20 **safety and welfare, including but not limited to projects that:**

21 **(A) Remove asbestos, radon sources, mold and other hazards from, and remediate, re-**
22 **construct and renovate where needed, school buildings and other facilities;**

23 **(B) Provide retrofitting against seismic events;**

24 **(C) Install, repair, upgrade or replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment**
25 **and facilities, and sprinkler systems for fire suppression;**

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 **(D) Remove sources of lead and other contaminants from drinking water and otherwise**
2 **improve the safety of drinking water sources; and**

3 **(E) Repair school building roofs, walls, interiors and foundations.**

4 **(b) The department shall retain in the School Safety Construction Fund not less than five**
5 **percent of the balance of the School Safety Construction Fund during each biennium as a**
6 **reserve for cash flow and revenue shortfall purposes.**

7 **(5) The department by rule shall establish forms, procedures and evaluation criteria for**
8 **granting moneys to school districts from the School Safety Construction Fund. The depart-**
9 **ment shall accept applications for grants under this section from any school district that the**
10 **department determines is eligible under the criteria specified in this section and, in addition,**
11 **from:**

12 **(a) Education service districts;**

13 **(b) The Oregon School for the Deaf; and**

14 **(c) A public school district that applies on behalf of a charter school that is chartered**
15 **within the public school district.**

16 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium**
17 **beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of**
18 **carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

19 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
20 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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