

SB 695-1
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Requested by Senator GELSER BLOUIN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 695**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “services” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Com-**
5 **munities Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and dis-**
6 **tinct from the General Fund, consisting of moneys appropriated,**
7 **allocated, deposited or transferred to the Nonviolent Crisis Inter-**
8 **vention and Safe Communities Fund by the Legislative Assembly or**
9 **otherwise. The moneys in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe**
10 **Communities Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department**
11 **of Human Services to:**

12 **“(a) Facilitate training in crisis prevention, response and de-**
13 **escalation in public programs;**

14 **“(b) Provide grants or matching funds to support the certification**
15 **of instructors in approved crisis response systems, to support pro-**
16 **grams training staff that interact with individuals served by public**
17 **programs, to defray the reasonable costs of travel and materials and**
18 **for stipends to reimburse staff for participating in the trainings; and**

19 **“(c) Provide funding to the Department of Education to provide**
20 **grants to school districts and education service districts through the**
21 **Safe School Culture Grant program established in section 3 of this 2023**

1 **Act.**

2 **“(2) The Department of Human Services may allocate up to three**
3 **percent of the moneys in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe**
4 **Communities Fund for costs of administering grants provided from the**
5 **fund.**

6 **“(3) The Department of Human Services may accept gifts, grants**
7 **or contributions from any source, whether public or private, for de-**
8 **posit in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities**
9 **Fund.**

10 **“SECTION 2. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, the De-**
11 **partment of Education shall transfer \$4,000,000 to the Nonviolent Crisis**
12 **Intervention and Safe Communities Fund established in section 1 of**
13 **this 2023 Act to pay for the Safe School Culture Grant program es-**
14 **tablished in section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

15 **“(2) Unobligated moneys from the moneys transferred by the de-**
16 **partment under subsection (1) of this section that remain in the Non-**
17 **violent Crisis Intervention and Safe Communities Fund at the end of**
18 **a biennium shall be transferred to the Department of Education and**
19 **deposited to the Department of Education Account established in ORS**
20 **326.115.**

21 **“SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, ‘certified instructor’ means**
22 **an individual who is certified as an instructor by the Crisis Prevention**
23 **Institute’s Nonviolent Crisis Intervention program or by another pro-**
24 **gram administered by a nationally recognized organization that pro-**
25 **vides training to certify individuals in nonviolent crisis intervention**
26 **methods.**

27 **“(2) The Safe School Culture Grant program is established in the**
28 **Department of Education for the purpose of developing a network of**
29 **certified instructors.**

30 **“(3) Grants shall be distributed, in the manner prescribed by the**

1 department by rule, to districts based on the student population of the
2 district, as provided in subsections (6) and (7) of this section, for the
3 purpose of providing training sufficient to have at least one staff per-
4 son for every 50 students who is certified in nonviolent crisis inter-
5 vention methods. The rules shall, at a minimum:

6 “(a) Provide reimbursement to school districts for wages or stipends
7 paid to school district and education staff for the time spent attending
8 training to become certified instructors, in a manner established by
9 the department;

10 “(b) Ensure districts and education service districts are only reim-
11 bursed for the costs related to individuals who complete the certifica-
12 tion process as newly certified instructors; and

13 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, permit any
14 unexpended moneys from grants to be used to support the costs of
15 training staff in nonviolent crisis intervention methods by providing
16 stipends and reimbursement for the cost of materials.

17 “(4) To qualify for a grant, a school district must:

18 “(a) Require each newly certified instructor to conduct at least
19 three complete trainings of at least 10 district staff each year.

20 “(b) Provide or arrange for the provision of the necessary physical
21 space for the training.

22 “(c) Consult with organizations representing teachers and instruc-
23 tional assistants, in determining the priority for which staff to train
24 to ensure training is targeted to the areas in most need of support for
25 increasing the safety of students and staff.

26 “(d) Consult with organizations representing teachers and instruc-
27 tional assistants about compensation in wages, stipends or other
28 means to support staff to participate in training to become certified
29 instructors or to participate in training conducted by certified in-
30 structors to become certified in nonviolent crisis intervention meth-

1 **ods.**

2 **“(5) To qualify for a grant, an education service district must:**

3 **“(a) Ensure at least one complete nonviolent crisis intervention**
4 **training of at least 10 staff persons is completed each month at the**
5 **verbal intervention level or the physical intervention level, except that**
6 **trainings for July and December may be offered in alternative months.**

7 **“(b) Be responsible for providing or arranging for the physical space**
8 **for the training.**

9 **“(c) Not charge a fee to a school district or a staff member for the**
10 **first 10 staff persons trained by certified instructors each year.**

11 **“(d) Offer training in advanced physical skills only to individuals**
12 **working in settings in which serious injuries have occurred or are at**
13 **imminent risk of occurring.**

14 **“(6) The department shall distribute funds through the Safe School**
15 **Culture Grant program to school districts participating in the program**
16 **a follows:**

17 **“(a) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district**
18 **with 1,500 or fewer students for the cost of one new certified instruc-**
19 **tor. If the district pays for the cost of a second new certified instruc-**
20 **tor, the grant will pay the cost of a third new certified instructor.**

21 **“(b) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district**
22 **with between 1,501 and 5,000 students for the cost of two new certified**
23 **instructors. If the district pays for the cost of a third new certified**
24 **instructor, the grant will pay the cost of a fourth new certified in-**
25 **structor.**

26 **“(c) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district**
27 **with between 5,001 and 8,000 students for the cost of two new certified**
28 **instructors. The grant will match the cost of each additional new**
29 **certified instructor funded by the district, up to a total of four new**
30 **certified instructors.**

1 “(d) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district
2 with between 8,001 and 15,000 students for the cost of four new certified
3 instructors. The grant will match the cost of each additional new
4 certified instructor funded by the district, up to a total of eight new
5 certified instructors.

6 “(e) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district
7 with between 15,001 and 30,000 students for the cost of six new certified
8 instructors. The grant will match the cost of each additional new
9 certified instructor, up to a total of 14 new certified instructors.

10 “(f) The department shall provide a grant to reimburse a district
11 with more than 30,000 students for the cost of six new certified in-
12 structors. The grant will match the cost of each additional new certi-
13 fied instructor, up to a total of 16 new certified instructors.

14 “(7) The department shall distribute funds through the Safe School
15 Culture Grant program to education service districts for two new cer-
16 tified instructors in advanced physical skills and one new certified in-
17 structor in verbal and physical intervention skills. The grant will
18 match the cost of each new additional certified instructor up to a
19 maximum of four new certified instructors in advanced physical skills
20 and up to two new certified instructors in verbal and physical inter-
21 vention skills.

22 “(8) The department may use up to three percent of the grant funds
23 to cover the department’s costs in administering the program.

24 “SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section, ‘certified instructor’ has
25 the meaning given that term in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

26 “(2) A school district or education service district that participates
27 in the Safe School Culture Grant program established in section 3 of
28 this 2023 Act shall submit the following reports to the Department of
29 Education on or before the specified dates:

30 “(a) By December 1, 2023, and again by July 1, 2024, a report that

1 **includes:**

2 **“(A) The total number of new certified instructors that were certi-**
3 **fied between July 1, 2023, and the date of the report, including the**
4 **dates on which the certified instructors received their certifications.**

5 **“(B) A description of how the certified instructors are distributed**
6 **across the district.**

7 **“(C) An accounting of how many of the new certified instructors**
8 **were funded by the school district and how many were funded by the**
9 **grant provided by the Safe School Culture Grant program.**

10 **“(D) The number of trainings held by each of the new certified in-**
11 **structors.**

12 **“(E) The number of staff that were certified in nonviolent crisis**
13 **intervention methods by completing a training by one of the new cer-**
14 **tified instructors.**

15 **“(b) By December 1, 2024, and again by July 1, 2025, each school**
16 **district and education service district participating in the grant pro-**
17 **gram shall report to the department:**

18 **“(A) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent**
19 **crisis intervention methods by completing a training with one of the**
20 **new certified instructors.**

21 **“(B) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent**
22 **crisis intervention methods by completing a training in verbal skills**
23 **only.**

24 **“(C) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent**
25 **crisis intervention methods by completing a training in verbal and**
26 **physical intervention skills.**

27 **“(D) The total number of staff who were certified in nonviolent**
28 **crisis intervention methods by completing a training in advanced**
29 **physical skills.**

30 **“(E) The total number of trainings held by each of the newly cer-**

1 **tified instructors between July 1, 2023, and the date of the trainings.**

2 **“(F) A description of how the staff who were certified in nonviolent**
3 **crisis intervention methods by completing a training are distributed**
4 **across the district, including the ratio of trained staff to students in**
5 **the district.**

6 **“(G) A description of the district or education service district’s as-**
7 **essment of whether and how many additional certified instructors, if**
8 **any, are needed to certify staff in nonviolent crisis intervention**
9 **methods.**

10 **“SECTION 5. The Department of Education shall provide grants**
11 **through the Safe School Culture Grant program, established in section**
12 **3 of this 2023 Act, no later than July 1, 2024.**

13 **“SECTION 6. Section 4 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,**
14 **2026.**

15 **“SECTION 7. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate**
16 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
17 **declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.”.**

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