

House Bill 2179

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH (Presession filed.)

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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Tells each school district to have a policy for safety and to have an officer for every school of the school district. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4).

Directs district school boards to adopt a policy to provide for the safety of the students of the school district, including the assignment of school resource officers or the provision of other law enforcement coverage for each school of the school district. Authorizes the Department of Education to distribute to school districts moneys from the State School Fund for the purpose of paying for the costs associated with school resource officers or other law enforcement.

Takes effect on July 1, 2026.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school safety; creating new provisions; amending ORS 327.008 and 339.312; and pre-
3 scribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.312 is amended to read:

6 **339.312. (1) As used in this section:**

7 **(a) "Peace officer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 133.005.**

8 **(b) "School resource officer" means a peace officer who is assigned to a school.**

9 **(2) Each district school board shall adopt a policy to provide for the safety of the stu-**
10 **dents of the school district when students are expected to be in the schools of the school**
11 **district. The policy shall prescribe:**

12 **(a) The assignment of a school resource officer or the provision of other law enforcement**
13 **coverage for each school of the school district; and**

14 **(b) The training or other qualifications required for any school resource officer who is**
15 **assigned to, or any law enforcement entity that provides coverage at, a school of the school**
16 **district.**

17 **(3) As part of the policy adopted under subsection (2) of this section,** school districts are
18 encouraged to form a safe school alliance composed of schools, law enforcement agencies, juvenile
19 justice agencies and district attorneys. [*The purpose of a safe school alliance is to provide the safest*
20 *school environment possible.*]

21 **SECTION 2.** ORS 327.008 is amended to read:

22 **327.008. (1)(a)** There is established a State School Fund in the General Fund.

23 **(b)** The Department of Education, on behalf of the State of Oregon, may solicit and accept gifts,
24 grants, donations and other moneys from public and private sources for the State School Fund.
25 Moneys received as provided in this paragraph shall be deposited into the State School Fund.

26 **(c)** The State School Fund shall consist of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly,
27 moneys transferred from the Fund for Student Success, moneys transferred from the Education Sta-

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1 bility Fund and the Oregon Marijuana Account and moneys received as provided in paragraph (b)
 2 of this subsection.

3 (d) The State School Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the
 4 purposes of ORS 327.006 to 327.077, 327.095, 327.099, 327.101, 327.125, 327.137, 327.348, 327.356 to
 5 327.359, 336.575, 336.580, 336.635, 343.243, 343.533, 343.941 and 343.961.

6 (2) There shall be apportioned from the State School Fund to each school district a State School
 7 Fund grant, consisting of the positive amount equal to a general purpose grant and a transportation
 8 grant and a high cost disabilities grant minus local revenue, computed as provided in ORS 327.011
 9 and 327.013.

10 (3) For the first school year after a public charter school ceases to operate because of dissol-
 11 ution or closure or because of termination or nonrenewal of a charter, there shall be apportioned
 12 from the State School Fund to each school district that had sponsored a public charter school that
 13 ceased to operate an amount equal to the school district's general purpose grant per extended
 14 ADMw multiplied by five percent of the ADM of the public charter school for the previous school
 15 year.

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

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

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

22 (7) Each biennium, the Department of Education may expend from the State School Fund no
 23 more than \$3 million for expenses incurred by the department in providing support to school dis-
 24 tricts, education service districts and public charter schools at any time before, during or after a
 25 threat or hazard that may affect a school district, an education service district or a public charter
 26 school and for the purpose of helping to improve the safety and security of students and staff.

27 (8) Each biennium, the Department of Education may expend from the State School Fund no
 28 more than \$10 million for expenses incurred by the Office of School Facilities under ORS 326.125
 29 (1)(b) to (g).

30 (9) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer to the Pediatric Nursing Facil-
 31 ity Account established in ORS 327.022 the amount necessary to pay the costs of educational ser-
 32 vices provided to students admitted to pediatric nursing facilities as provided in ORS 343.941.

33 (10) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer the amount of \$55 million from
 34 the State School Fund to the High Cost Disabilities Account established in ORS 327.348.

35 (11)(a) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall transfer \$39.5 million from the State
 36 School Fund to the Educator Advancement Fund established under ORS 342.953.

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

38 (A) The total amount available for all distributions from the State School Fund shall be reduced
 39 by \$6 million;

40 (B) The amount distributed to school districts from the State School Fund under this section and
 41 ORS 327.013 shall be reduced by \$16.75 million; and

42 (C) The amount distributed to education service districts from the State School Fund under this
 43 section and ORS 327.019 shall be reduced by \$16.75 million.

44 (c) For each biennium, the amounts identified in this subsection shall be adjusted by the same
 45 percentage by which the instructions furnished to state agencies by the Governor under ORS 291.204

1 direct the state agencies to adjust their agency budget requests for special payments under ORS
2 291.216 (6)(a)(C).

3 (12) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall transfer \$12.5 million from the State
4 School Fund to the Statewide English Language Learner Program Account established under ORS
5 327.344.

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

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

13 (15) Each biennium, the Department of Education may expend up to \$150,000 from the State
14 School Fund for the administration of a program to increase the number of licensed speech-language
15 pathologists and certified speech-language pathology assistants under ORS 348.398.

16 (16) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall transfer \$2 million from the State School
17 Fund for deposit to the Healthy School Facilities Fund established under ORS 332.337.
18 Notwithstanding ORS 332.337, the department may expend moneys received in the Healthy School
19 Facilities Fund under this subsection only as grants for costs associated with testing for elevated
20 levels of lead in water used for drinking or food preparation.

21 (17) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall transfer an amount not to exceed
22 \$5,595,000 for the purpose of making tampons and sanitary pads available as provided by ORS
23 326.545.

24 (18) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall transfer the amount of \$2.5 million from
25 the State School Fund to the Small School District Supplement Fund established in ORS 327.359.

26 (19) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall transfer to the Oregon Military Depart-
27 ment the amount necessary to pay the costs of educational services provided to students admitted
28 to programs operated by the military department for at-risk youth, as described in ORS 396.360, that
29 are outstanding after any General Fund appropriations and the calculation of available federal funds
30 for the programs.

31 **(20) Each fiscal year, the Department of Education may expend up to \$_____ from the**
32 **State School Fund to distribute to school districts the amounts necessary to pay for the**
33 **costs of school resource officers or other appropriate law enforcement coverage for each**
34 **school of the school district, including the costs of any related training, as required under**
35 **ORS 339.312.**

36 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 327.008 by section 2 of this 2025 Act first apply to**
37 **the 2026-2027 school year.**

38 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on July 1, 2026.**

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