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Senate Bill 960

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to state financial administration; creating new provisions; amending ORS 180.095, 285B.420 and 411.139 and section 2, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023, and section 3, chapter 595, Oregon Laws 2023; repealing ORS 327.496; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. (1) The Agricultural Overtime Award Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Agricultural Overtime Award Fund shall be credited to the fund.

(2) Moneys in the fund consist of:

(a) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred or credited to the fund by the Legislative Assembly;

(b) Earnings received on moneys in the fund; and

(c) Other amounts from any source transferred or otherwise credited to the fund.

(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department for the following purposes:

(a) Paying the actual costs incurred by the department in developing and administering section 1 [of this 2023 Act], **chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023**; and

(b) Carrying out the provisions of section 1 [of this 2023 Act], **chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023**, in accordance with section 447 (1), chapter 110, Oregon Laws 2022.

(4) Any moneys remaining in the fund on [June 30, 2025] **January 2, 2027**, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 541.937, the amount of \$3,000,000 is transferred from the Flexible Incentives Account to the General Fund for general governmental purposes. The transfer shall be made on May 31, 2027.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 6, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2023, the amount of \$15,000,000 is transferred from the Oregon Fostering Innovation Strength at Home and CHIPS Fund to the General Fund for general governmental purposes. The transfer shall be made on May 31, 2027.

SECTION 3a. Section 3 of this 2025 Act does not become operative unless House Bill 2322 becomes law.

SECTION 4. The Summer Learning Program Account established under ORS 327.496 is abolished. Any moneys remaining in the account on the operative date of this section shall be transferred to the General Fund for general governmental purposes.

SECTION 5. ORS 327.496 is repealed.

SECTION 6. Section 4 of this 2025 Act and the repeal of ORS 327.496 by section 5 of this 2025 Act become operative on May 31, 2027.

SECTION 7. Notwithstanding ORS 656.605, the amount of \$14,680,000 is transferred from the Workers' Benefit Fund to the Wage Security Fund established under ORS 652.409.

SECTION 8. ORS 180.095, as amended by section 5, chapter 69, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

180.095. (1) The Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account is created in the General Fund. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Department of Justice and may be used to pay for only the following activities:

(a) Restitution and refunds in proceedings described in paragraph (c) of this subsection;

(b) Consumer and business education relating to the laws governing antitrust and unlawful trade practices; and

(c) Personal services, travel, meals, lodging and all other costs and expenses incurred by the department in investigating, preparing, commencing and prosecuting the following actions and suits, and enforcing judgments, settlements, compromises and assurances of voluntary compliance arising out of the following actions and suits:

(A) Actions and suits under the state and federal antitrust laws;

(B) Actions and suits under ORS 336.184 and 646.605 to 646.656;

(C) Actions commenced under ORS 59.331;

(D) Actions and suits under ORS 180.750 to 180.785;

(E) Actions and suits under ORS 646A.025;

(F) Actions commenced under ORS 646A.589; [and]

(G) Actions and suits under section 3, chapter 69, Oregon Laws 2024[.]; and

(H) Actions and suits commenced under ORS 180.060.

(2) Moneys in the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account are not subject to allotment. Upon request of the Attorney General, the State Treasurer shall create sub-accounts within the account for the purposes of managing moneys in the account and allocating those moneys to the activities described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by law, all sums of money received by the Department of Justice under a judgment, settlement, compromise or assurance of voluntary compliance, including damages, restitution, refunds, attorney fees, costs, disbursements and other recoveries, but excluding civil penalties under ORS 646.642, in proceedings described in subsection (1)(c) of this section shall, upon receipt, be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account. However, if the action or suit was based on an expenditure or loss from a public body or a dedicated fund, the amount of such expenditure or loss, after deduction of attorney fees and expenses awarded to the department by the court or agreed to by the parties, if any, shall be credited to the public body or dedicated fund and the remainder thereof credited to the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account.

(4) If the Department of Justice recovers restitution or refunds in a proceeding described in subsection (1)(c) of this section, and the department cannot determine the persons to whom the restitution or refunds should be paid or the amount of the restitution or refund payable to individual claimants is de minimis, the restitution or refunds may not be deposited in the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account and shall be deposited in the General Fund.

(5) Before April 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of Justice shall report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

(a) The department's projection of the balance in the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account at the end of the biennium in which the report is made and at the end of the following biennium;

(b) The amount of the balance held for restitution and refunds;

(c) An estimate of the department's anticipated costs and expenses under subsection (1)(b) and (c) of this section for the biennium in which the report is made and for the following biennium; and

(d) Any judgment, settlement, compromise or other recovery, the proceeds of which are used for purposes other than:

(A) For deposit into the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account; or

(B) For payment of legal costs related to the judgment, settlement, compromise or other recovery.

(6) The Joint Committee on Ways and Means, after consideration of recommendations made by the Department of Justice, shall use the information reported under subsection (5) of this section to determine an appropriate balance for the revolving account.

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding ORS 293.146, the transfer described in ORS 293.146 (2) of moneys to the Oregon Rainy Day Fund may not be made for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 10. ORS 285B.420 is amended to read:

285B.420. (1) The Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority may provide financial assistance in the form of loans or grants for a levee project to:

(a) *[Drainage districts organized under ORS chapter 547]* **Municipalities;**

(b) Corporations or companies for drainage or flood control organized under ORS chapter 554; and

(c) For-profit or nonprofit entities and individuals engaged in the ownership, construction, inspection, accreditation, certification or repair of levees.

(2) To qualify for financial assistance under this section, the *[district]* **municipality**, corporation, company, entity or individual must demonstrate, and the authority must find, that the levee project substantially contributes to the improvement, expansion or repair of the state's or a municipality's infrastructure system and is essential for the use or development of farm, industrial or commercial land in Oregon.

(3) Levee projects that receive financial assistance under this section are subject to the provisions and requirements of ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482, if applicable.

SECTION 11. The amendments to ORS 285B.420 by section 10 of this 2025 Act apply to financial assistance provided under ORS 285B.420 before, on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 12. ORS 411.139 is amended to read:

411.139. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Eligible *[agency]* **entity**" means an *[agency]* **entity** that has, **or previously had**, contracted with the United States Department of State under 8 U.S.C. *[1522(c)]* **1522(b) or (c)** to provide initial resettlement and case management services to refugees.

(b) "Refugee" means an individual who is not a United States citizen, who has been in the United States for 60 months or less and who is any of the following:

(A) A refugee admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1157.

(B) An asylee admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1158.

(C) A Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in 45 C.F.R. 401.2.

(D) A parolee admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5).

(E) An Amerasian immigrant lawfully admitted to the United States who is described in 8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2)(A)(v).

(F) A victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons and the victim's family members who are eligible for benefits and services from federal and state programs under 22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(1)(A).

(G) An Iraqi or an Afghan citizen who is a principal noncitizen provided with the status of special immigrant by the United States Department of Homeland Security under:

(i) Section 1059(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, P.L. 109-163, 119 Stat. 3444;

(ii) Section 1244(b) of the Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007, P.L. 110-181, 122 Stat. 397; or

(iii) Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, P.L. 111-8, 123 Stat. 807.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall award grants to eligible [agencies] **entities** to provide the following services to refugees residing in this state, for up to 24 months:

- (a) Assisting refugees with department programs by:
 - (A) Referring refugees to the department within three days of the refugee's arrival in this state;
 - (B) Completing applications for assistance;
 - (C) Transporting the refugee to the initial appointments with the department;
 - (D) Providing to the department all necessary eligibility information known to the eligible [agency] **entity**; and
 - (E) Coordinating services of the department with other social service agencies.
- (b) Assisting refugees with:
 - (A) Navigating the health care and mental health systems, including providing assistance in applying for medical assistance;
 - (B) Accessing housing assistance and finding stable housing;
 - (C) Setting up utilities and paying utility bills;
 - (D) Issues with landlords;
 - (E) Navigating legal or criminal issues including services for victims of crime;
 - (F) Accessing in-home services including parenting assistance, English as a second language instruction, medical and psychosocial support; and
 - (G) Navigating the culture of the United States.
- (c) Providing transportation to appointments.
- (d) Training refugees on using public transportation.
- (e) Providing immigration assistance and referrals.
- (f) Advocating on behalf of refugees regarding domestic violence, federal laws and hate crimes.
- (g) Providing refugees with interpretation services and assistance with access to language services.
- (h) Providing referrals for refugees to culturally specific support groups and services, including religious organizations.
- (i) Pairing refugees with volunteers for English as a second language training and ongoing language support.
- (j) Providing support to refugees in budgeting and achieving financial literacy.
- (k) Identifying refugees' employment skills and providing referrals to employment skills training and other job support services.
- (L) Problem solving with refugees and assisting refugees with life skills development.
- (m) Ensuring that refugees have access to psychosocial support and emotional wellness education.
- (n) Coordinating medical services for refugees including referring to and coordinating with agencies that determine eligibility for disability benefits.
- (o) Providing family preservation services, legal services and social service support for domestic violence and child welfare issues.
- (p) Assisting newly arrived refugee children in accessing services to strengthen the children's academic performance and successful integration into the community.
- (q) Other services necessary to assist refugees in accessing programs administered by the department.

SECTION 13. Section 3, chapter 595, Oregon Laws 2023, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. (1) The Early Learning Council shall develop and implement rules providing criteria for eligibility based on ORS 329A.500 (4)(a)(C) no later than July 1, 2025.

(2) The council shall develop and implement rules providing criteria for eligibility based on ORS 329A.500 (4)(a)(D) no later than July 1, [2027] **2029**.

SECTION 14. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

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