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Senate Bill 531

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Including Senate Amendments dated February 20

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, GELSER BLOUIN; Senators ANDERSON, FREDERICK, PATTERSON, WEBER, Representatives GOMBERG, HOLVEY, MORGAN, REYNOLDS (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.

Establishes Summer and After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program. Directs Department of Education to administer grant program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for Summer and After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to funding for programs offered during nonschool hours; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 327.

SECTION 2. (1) The Summer and After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program is established for the purpose of providing grants to:

(a) School districts, education service districts and public charter schools for summer and after-school learning and enrichment programs for youth in kindergarten through grade 12; and

(b) A fiscal agent for distribution to federally recognized Indian tribes in this state, community-based organizations and other organizations providing expanded learning or enrichment opportunities for summer and after-school learning and enrichment programs for youth in kindergarten through grade 12.

(2) The Department of Education shall administer the grant program established by this section by:

(a) Proposing quality and oversight standards for summer and after-school learning and enrichment programs for adoption by rule by the State Board of Education. For the purpose of this paragraph, the department shall regularly consult with school districts, education service districts, public charter schools, federally recognized Indian tribes, community-based organizations and other organizations providing expanded learning or enrichment opportunities.

(b) Implementing a process for awarding grants that:

(A) Prioritizes funding for summer and after-school learning and enrichment programs that serve youth from rural areas or historically underserved populations, including youth with disabilities and foster youth.

(B) Encourages and supports partnerships between school districts, education service
districts, public charter schools, federally recognized Indian tribes, community-based organizations and other organizations that provide expanded learning or enrichment opportunities.

(C) Aligns outcomes of existing programs, organizations or services provided to youth or for the benefit of youth.

(D) Is open, transparent and inclusive and, when possible, addresses administrative barriers that limit or prevent community-based, culturally responsive summer and after-school learning and enrichment programs from accessing grant funding.

(3) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section.

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, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $______, for the Summer and After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program established under section 2 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.

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