

Senate Bill 136

Sponsored by Senator MONROE (Pre-session 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**.

Moves up sunset date for authority of school districts to establish post-graduate scholar programs to June 30, 2019.

Directs Department of Education to make recommendations for legislation to fund post-graduate scholar programs with moneys that are not distributed from State School Fund.

Prohibits school districts from receiving or expending moneys distributed from State School Fund to pay for community college costs incurred by, or on behalf of, post-graduate scholars.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to post-graduate scholars; creating new provisions; amending sections 5 and 9, chapter 109,
3 Oregon Laws 2016; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 5, chapter 109, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 5.** No later than November 1, 2018, the Department of Education shall:

7 (1) Provide a report to the interim legislative committees on education that includes:

8 (a) The amount of moneys received by school districts from the State School Fund under ORS
9 327.013 for post-graduate scholars participating in a program established under section 2 [*of this*
10 *2016 Act*], **chapter 109, Oregon Laws 2016**.

11 (b) Subject to data available to the department, the number of post-graduate scholars for whom
12 school districts received moneys from the State School Fund under ORS 327.013 for each of the
13 preceding school years.

14 (2) Make recommendations for legislation to establish an equitable, sustainable and appropriate
15 permanent funding mechanism for post-graduate scholar programs **that are not funded by moneys**
16 **distributed from the State School Fund under ORS 327.013**. The recommendations must consider:

17 (a) Input from school districts that have implemented, are implementing or are planning to im-
18 plement a post-graduate scholar program.

19 (b) Input from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

20 (c) The amount of moneys received by all school districts from the State School Fund under ORS
21 327.013 for post-graduate scholars participating in a program established under section 2 [*of this*
22 *2016 Act*], **chapter 109, Oregon Laws 2016**.

23 [*(d) The appropriate amount, if any, to be calculated for each post-graduate scholar participating*
24 *in a program established under section 2 of this 2016 Act for purposes of calculating weighted average*
25 *daily membership for State School Fund distributions under ORS 327.013.*]

26 [(e)] (d) Consideration of appropriate funding sources that are separate from the State School
27 Fund for post-graduate scholar programs. The consideration must include:

28 (A) Methods by which funds would be distributed to school districts;

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 (B) The stability and sustainability of funding sources that would be used to support at-risk
2 students who are not eligible for the Oregon Promise program established under ORS 341.522 be-
3 cause of failure to earn the minimum cumulative grade point average; and

4 (C) The estimated cost required to establish and administer alternative funding sources.

5 (3) Provide a report to each school district that established a program under section 2 [*of this*
6 *2016 Act*], **chapter 109, Oregon Laws 2016**. The report shall include the following information for
7 the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years:

8 (a) The number of post-graduate scholars enrolled at the school district who participated in the
9 program;

10 (b) The number of post-graduate scholars enrolled at the school district who completed a full
11 year in the program; and

12 (c) The percentage of post-graduate scholars enrolled at the school district who participated in
13 the program and enrolled in a second school year at a post-secondary institution of education after
14 completing the program.

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 9, chapter 109, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 9.** Section 2 [*of this 2016 Act*], **chapter 109, Oregon Laws 2016**, is repealed on June 30,
17 [2021] 2019.

18 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 327.006 to
19 327.133.

20 **SECTION 4.** (1) As used in this section:

21 (a) “Community college costs” means costs incurred for a course at a community college,
22 including tuition, fees or books for the course.

23 (b) “Post-graduate scholar” means a student who:

24 (A) Has been in grades 9 through 12 for more than a total of four school years; and

25 (B) Has satisfied the requirements for a high school diploma as provided in ORS 329.451
26 (2).

27 (2) A school district may not receive or expend moneys distributed from the State School
28 Fund under ORS 327.013 to pay for community college costs incurred by, or on the behalf of,
29 a post-graduate scholar.

30 **SECTION 5.** (1) Section 4 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2021.

31 (2) Section 4 of this 2017 Act applies to State School Fund distributions commencing with
32 the 2021-2022 distributions.

33 **SECTION 6.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
35 on its passage.

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