

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2967

Ordered by the House April 16
Including House Amendments dated April 16

Sponsored by Representatives DOHERTY, HERNANDEZ, RESCHKE; Representative ALONSO LEON

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.

[Directs Department of Education to conduct study to identify sources of stable and sustainable funding for career and technical education programs.]

[Directs department to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.]

[Sunsets December 31, 2020.]

Directs Department of Education to award grants to enable school districts to provide courses in computer science as part of career and technical education program. Prescribes requirements for grants.

Declares emergency, effective *[on passage]* **July 1, 2019.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to career and technical education; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 327.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "computer science" includes:

(a) The study of computers and related principles and processes that impact individuals, communities and society to enable students to become creators of computer and other digital technologies; and

(b) Computer programming or coding.

(2) In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund, the Department of Education shall award grants to enable school districts to provide courses in computer science as part of a career and technical education program.

(3)(a) A school district that receives a grant awarded under this section must use the grant moneys to establish or expand a career and technical education program in computer science.

(b) A school district that receives a grant awarded under this section may use the grant moneys:

(A) In conjunction with funds apportioned to the school district from the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund under ORS 327.859; and

(B) To provide computer science instruction as part of a career and technical education program in any grade from grades 5 through 12.

(4) Any school district that meets the criteria described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection may apply to the department for a grant under this section. The department shall approve applications based on whether the school district is able to demonstrate that the

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 **program for which the application is submitted:**

2 (a)(A) Will use grant moneys to establish or expand a career and technical education
3 **program in computer science;**

4 (B) Strives to encourage participation in computer science by students who are minori-
5 ties, women, from families in poverty or from a small school district or a school district in
6 a rural community; and

7 (C) Supports entering into partnerships with other entities to:

8 (i) Maximize the availability of resources that are necessary for computer science
9 courses and that are provided by the entity, including the provision of curricula, software
10 or other technology for free or at a significantly reduced cost;

11 (ii) Provide professional development or other training to instructors of computer science
12 courses; or

13 (iii) Provide industry certification to students that enables the students to be eligible for
14 high demand and high wage jobs related to computer science; or

15 (b) Is a part of a national initiative that is helping high schools in this state to adopt an
16 inclusive, evidence-supported course to prepare students to participate in the digital world
17 and economy.

18 (5) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules that provide for the calculation of a
19 grant awarded under this section. The rules must provide a minimum amount to be awarded
20 to small school districts and school districts in rural communities to ensure that the grant
21 is effective.

22 (6) The board may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section.

23 **SECTION 3.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
25 July 1, 2019.