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RULE TITLE: Speech Language Stipend Program

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule establishes the speech language stipend program for schools based on SB 215 (2023).

RULE TEXT:

(1) The following definitions apply to this rule:

- (a) Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) as defined in OAR 335-095-0010.
 - (b) Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) as defined in OAR 335-060-0005.
 - (c) "Department" means the Oregon Department of Education.
 - (d) "Stipend" amount awarded to participant and employee's Education Service District or School District.
 - (e) "Eligible post-secondary institution" means: A generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education within the United States.
 - (f) "Participant" means a SLP/SLPA student who applies for a Stipend from the Speech-Language Pathologists Training Fund under ORS 348.398 and 348.406.
- (2) To be eligible for participation in the program under ORS 348.398 to and 348.406, a licensed SLP or SLPA must:
- (a) Be registered as a student in a program for SLP or SLPA, in an eligible post-secondary institution.
 - (b) Agree to receive training under the supervision of a licensed SLP employed by an education service district or a school district.
 - (c) Agree to be employed in Oregon for a minimum of two years as a speech-language pathologist or speech-language pathology assistant within the education service district or school district where the participant will receive mentoring in the first two years of licensure as an SLP or SLPA.
 - (d) Meet other requirements placed on the participant by the Department.
- (3) As per ORS 348.398, The Department shall distribute moneys to education service districts and school districts to provide:
- (a) Stipends in an amount that is up to \$2,000 per academic year for participants in the program who complete the requirements under section (2) of this section for speech-language pathology assistants; and
 - (b) Stipends in an amount that is up to \$9,000 per academic year for participants in the program who complete the

requirements under section (2) of this section for speech-language pathologists.

(4) A participant shall complete the employment requirement specified under subsection (2) of this section not later than three years after the date the participant graduates from the program.

(5) Licensed speech-language pathologists who are employed by education service districts or school districts and provide supervision and mentoring to SLP participants may be awarded a stipend not to exceed \$400 or \$200 for SLPA participants as per ORS 348.398.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: 348.394 - 348.406

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: 352.002, 341.005, 348.394 - 348.406