

House Bill 2577

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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**.

Allows student who participates in Oregon Troops to Teachers program to receive funds for cost of tuition at qualified independent institutions. Limits amount that student may receive for tuition.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Oregon Troops to Teachers program; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 348.282 and 348.283.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 348.282 is amended to read:

6 348.282. As used in this section and ORS 348.283:

7 (1) "Armed Forces of the United States" means:

8 (a) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States;

9 (b) The reserves of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United
10 States; and

11 (c) The Oregon National Guard and a National Guard of any other state or territory.

12 (2) "Public post-secondary institution" means:

13 (a) A state institution under the direction of the State Board of Higher Education; and

14 (b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341.

15 **(3) "Qualified independent institution" means an Oregon-based, generally accredited,
16 not-for-profit institution of higher education.**

17 [(3)] **(4) "Veteran" means a person who served on active duty with the Armed Forces of the
18 United States and was discharged or released from active duty with other than a dishonorable dis-
19 charge.**

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 348.283 is amended to read:

21 348.283. (1) There is established within the Oregon Student Assistance Commission the Oregon
22 Troops to Teachers program. Through the program, the commission shall pay for all of the resident
23 tuition charges of a veteran imposed by a public post-secondary institution **or a qualified inde-
24 pendent institution**, provided the veteran:

25 (a) Was discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States;

26 (b) Is a resident of Oregon; and

27 (c) Agrees to teach:

28 (A) In an Oregon school district or public charter school classified as serving a high poverty
29 area for not less than three years; or

30 (B) In the area of mathematics, science or special education for not less than four years.

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 (2) An award under subsection (1) of this section shall be used for the purpose of paying resident
2 tuition. The commission may not award funds under subsection (1) of this section for the purpose
3 of paying for books, supplies, housing, food or any other costs associated with attending a public
4 post-secondary institution **or a qualified independent institution.**

5 **(3) The commission may not award an amount for tuition under subsection (1) of this**
6 **section to a student attending a qualified independent institution that exceeds the average**
7 **tuition amount charged by state institutions under the direction of the State Board of Higher**
8 **Education.**

9 [(3)] (4) The commission shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation and administration
10 of this section in consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher
11 Education.

12 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 348.282 and 348.283 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2007**
13 **Act first apply to students attending qualified independent institutions during the 2008-2009**
14 **academic year.**