

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2633

Ordered by the House April 13
Including House Amendments dated April 13

Sponsored by Representative HUNT; Representatives BUCKLEY, CLEM, KOMP

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.

Specifies types of schools [*at*] **or programs to** which Department of Human Services may [*provide*] **refer person for** vocational [*rehabilitation*] training.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to vocational rehabilitation services; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 344.511.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 344.511 to**
5 **344.690.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services may refer a person for vocational**
7 **training only to the following schools or programs:**

8 (a) **A school that has accreditation recognized by the United States Department of Edu-**
9 **cation.**

10 (b) **A school that has been approved by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission**
11 **through the Office of Degree Authorization to offer and confer degrees in Oregon.**

12 (c) **A community college.**

13 (d) **A state institution of higher education within the Oregon University System.**

14 (e) **The Oregon Health and Science University.**

15 (f) **A career school licensed under ORS 345.010 to 345.450.**

16 (g) **An apprenticeship program that is registered with the State Apprenticeship and**
17 **Training Council.**

18 **(2) This section does not apply to vocational rehabilitation training.**

19 **SECTION 3. ORS 344.511 is amended to read:**

20 344.511. As used in ORS 344.511 to 344.690 and 344.710 to 344.730:

21 (1) "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

22 (2) "Director" means the Director of Human Services.

23 (3) "Disabled individual" means any person who has a substantial occupational handicap due to
24 a physical or mental condition except blindness.

25 (4) "Maintenance" means money payments, during vocational rehabilitation, to individuals with
26 occupational handicaps found to require financial assistance with respect thereto in order to
27 effectuate the vocational rehabilitation of such individuals.

28 (5) "Occupational handicap" means a physical or mental condition other than blindness which,

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1 regardless of its origin, constitutes, contributes to, or, if not corrected, will probably result in, an
2 obstruction to occupational performance or the condition of being an untrained individual.

3 (6) "Occupational licenses" means any license, permit or other written authority required by any
4 governmental unit to be obtained in order to engage in any occupation.

5 (7) "Occupational tools, equipment and supplies" means such customary implements, appliances,
6 apparatus, fixtures and materials as are necessary for the successful prosecution of the employment
7 objective of an individual with an occupational handicap.

8 (8) "Physical restoration" means any medical, surgical or therapeutic treatment necessary to
9 correct or substantially modify an individual's occupational handicap within a reasonable length of
10 time. The term includes but is not limited to medical, psychiatric, dental and surgical treatment,
11 nursing services, hospital and convalescent home care, medical and surgical drugs and supplies, and
12 prosthetic appliances, excluding curative treatment for acute or transitory conditions.

13 (9) "Prosthetic appliance" means any artificial appliance designed to support or take the place
14 of a part of the body or to increase the acuity of a sense organ.

15 (10) "Rehabilitation training" means all training provided, directly or through public or private
16 instrumentalities, to an individual to compensate for the occupational handicap of the individual.
17 The term includes but is not limited to manual, preconditioning, prevocational, vocational, **voca-**
18 **tional rehabilitation** and supplementary training and training provided for the purpose of achieving
19 broader and more remunerative skills and capacities.

20 (11) "Severely handicapped individual" means a disabled individual who, because of the nature
21 of disabilities, is not able to participate fully in competitive employment, and for whom specialized
22 employment opportunities must be provided.

23 (12) "Untrained individual" means any person without mental or physical disability who has a
24 substantial occupational handicap due to lack of occupational training, experience, skills or other
25 factors and who is receiving and, in the opinion of the Department of Human Services, probably will
26 continue to receive public assistance because of the occupational handicap of the individual.

27 (13) "Vocational rehabilitation" and "vocational rehabilitation services" mean any services
28 necessary to enable an individual with an occupational handicap to engage in a remunerative oc-
29 cupation and include, but are not limited to, medical and vocational diagnoses, vocational guidance,
30 counseling and placement, rehabilitation training, physical restoration, transportation, occupational
31 licenses, occupational tools, equipment and supplies, maintenance and training books, supplies and
32 materials.

33 (14) "**Vocational rehabilitation training**" means **skill training in which the basis and focus**
34 **of the training are individualized or customized. "Vocational rehabilitation training" may**
35 **include a focus on disability-related issues as those issues impact the skill training.**

36 (15) "**Vocational training**" means **occupational or skill training.**

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