

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3308

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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.

Allows members of Oregon National Guard to enroll in specified classes at state institution of higher education or community college at no cost.

Requires that Oregon Military Department reimburse state institution or community college full amount of tuition from federal funds or specified percentage of tuition if federal funds are unavailable.

[Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to education benefits for members of Oregon National Guard.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section and section 2 of this 2007 Act:

(a) **"Enrollment deadline"** means the day immediately preceding the beginning of instruction in a limited enrollment class.

(b) **"Limited enrollment class"** means a class in which enrollment is limited to a specified number of students.

(c) **"Member of the Oregon National Guard"** means a person who:

(A) **Is an active member of the Oregon National Guard;**

(B) **Is a resident of Oregon;**

(C) **Is academically qualified to enroll at a state institution or would benefit from a community college course; and**

(D) **Does not possess a baccalaureate or higher degree at the time of enrollment.**

(d) **"State institution"** means institutions of higher education listed in ORS 352.002.

(2) **If a state institution or a community college offers a limited enrollment class and the specified number of students have not enrolled in the class by the enrollment deadline and after all students on a waiting list have been offered the opportunity to enroll, the remaining unfilled spaces in the class shall be offered to members of the Oregon National Guard.**

(3) **A member of the Oregon National Guard may enroll in the limited enrollment class upon proof of membership in the Oregon National Guard.**

(4) **A member of the Oregon National Guard may enroll in one limited enrollment class per academic term.**

SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Oregon Military Department shall reimburse a state institution,

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1 from federal funds, the full amount of the total tuition for a course in which a member of
2 the Oregon National Guard has enrolled.

3 (b) If sufficient federal funds are not available, the department shall reimburse the state
4 institution at least 75 percent of the total amount of the tuition.

5 (c) The state institution shall waive the tuition amounts that remain due under this
6 subsection.

7 (2)(a) The department shall reimburse a community college, from federal funds, the full
8 amount of the total tuition for a course in which a member of the Oregon National Guard
9 has enrolled.

10 (b) If sufficient federal funds are not available, the department shall reimburse the
11 community college at least 75 percent of the total amount of the tuition.

12 (c) A community college shall adopt policies regarding tuition amounts that remain due
13 under this subsection.

14 (3) A member of the Oregon National Guard who enrolls in a limited enrollment class is
15 responsible for paying all applicable fees and other expenses, such as books and materials.

16 SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2007 Act first apply to the 2008-2009 academic year.
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