

# Senate Bill 478

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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**.

Adjusts calculation of cost of education for certain private institutions of higher education for purpose of Oregon Opportunity Grant to take into account some of amount that cost of education is reduced at public institutions of higher education as result of public funds.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cost of higher education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 348.205; and declaring  
3 an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 348.205 is amended to read:

6 348.205. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Grant program is established within the Oregon Student  
7 Assistance Commission.

8 (2) Under the program, the cost of education of a qualified student shall be shared by the stu-  
9 dent, the family of the student, the federal government and the state.

10 (3) The commission shall determine the cost of education of a qualified student based on the type  
11 of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending. The cost of education equals:

12 (a) For a student attending a community college, the average cost of education of attending a  
13 community college in this state[;].

14 (b) For a student attending an institution under the direction of the State Board of Higher Ed-  
15 ucation, the average cost of education of attending an institution under the direction of the  
16 board[;].

17 (c) For a student attending a two-year Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institu-  
18 tion of higher education, **the sum of the following:**

19 (A) The average cost of education of attending a community college in this state[; *and*].

20 (B) **An amount that equals a percentage of the amount that the average cost of attending**  
21 **a community college in this state is decreased as a result of moneys appropriated to the**  
22 **Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. For the purpose of this**  
23 **calculation:**

24 (i) **The percentage shall be identified by the commission by rule to be between 50 and 100**  
25 **percent.**

26 (ii) **The amount that the average cost of attending a community college in this state is**  
27 **decreased as a result of moneys appropriated to the department shall be calculated by the**  
28 **department based on the prior biennium.**

29 (d) For a student attending the Oregon Health and Science University or a four-year Oregon-  
30 based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, **the sum of the following:**

**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 (A) The average cost of education of attending an institution under the direction of the board.

2 (B) **An amount that equals a percentage of the amount that the average cost of attending**  
 3 **an institution under the direction of the board is decreased as a result of moneys appropri-**  
 4 **ated to the Department of Higher Education. For the purpose of this calculation:**

5 (i) **The percentage shall be identified by the commission by rule to be between 50 and 100**  
 6 **percent.**

7 (ii) **The amount that the average cost of attending an institution under the direction of**  
 8 **the board is decreased as a result of moneys appropriated to the department shall be calcu-**  
 9 **lated by the department based on the prior biennium.**

10 (4)(a) The commission shall determine the amount of the student share. The student share shall  
 11 be based on:

12 (A) The type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending;

13 (B) The number of hours of work that the commission determines may be reasonably expected  
 14 from the student; and

15 (C) The amount of loans that the commission determines would constitute a manageable debt  
 16 burden for the student.

17 (b) The student shall determine how to cover the student share through income from work,  
 18 loans, savings and scholarships.

19 (c) The student share for a student who attends a community college may not exceed the amount  
 20 that the commission determines a student may earn based on the number of hours of work reason-  
 21 ably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

22 (d) The student share for a student who attends an eligible post-secondary institution that is not  
 23 a community college may not exceed the sum of the amount that the commission determines a stu-  
 24 dent may receive as loans plus the amount a student may earn based on the number of hours of  
 25 work reasonably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

26 (5) The commission shall determine the amount of the family share. The family share shall be  
 27 based on the resources of the family.

28 (6) The commission shall determine the amount of the federal share based on how much the  
 29 student or the student's family is expected to receive from the federal government as grants, loans,  
 30 tax credits or other student assistance.

31 (7)(a) The commission shall determine the amount of the state share. The state share shall be  
 32 equal to the cost of education reduced by the student share, family share and amount received by  
 33 the student from the federal government.

34 (b) The commission shall establish a minimum amount that a student may receive as a state  
 35 share. If the commission determines that the amount of the state share of a student is below the  
 36 minimum amount, the student may not receive the state share.

37 (c) In determining the amount of the state share, the commission shall consider the total amount  
 38 available to award as grants to all qualified students. If the commission must reduce the amount of  
 39 the state share under this paragraph, the commission may not reduce the amount of the state share  
 40 awarded to students in the low income range in a greater proportion than the amount that the state  
 41 share for students in other income ranges is reduced.

42 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 348.205 by section 1 of this 2009 Act first apply to**  
 43 **the 2009-2010 academic year.**

44 **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
 45 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**

1 **July 1, 2009.**

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