

Senate Bill 860

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY

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**.

Requires state institution of higher education to guarantee that tuition cost per unit for undergraduate student in baccalaureate program will not increase during student's period of enrollment.

Applies to students whose periods of enrollment begin during or after the 2010-2011 academic year.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to higher education tuition.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Period of enrollment"** means that amount of time a state institution of higher edu-
6 cation has determined a student needs to complete an undergraduate course of study leading
7 to a baccalaureate degree. The amount of time may be either four academic years or five
8 academic years, depending upon the specific course of study.

9 (b) **"State institution of higher education"** means an institution listed in ORS 352.002.

10 (c) **"Undergraduate student"** means a person who:

11 (A) **Is a United States citizen or permanent resident;**

12 (B) **Is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a state institution of higher educa-**
13 **tion; and**

14 (C) **Is either:**

15 (i) **An Oregon resident; or**

16 (ii) **A nonresident admitted to a state institution of higher education under an interstate**
17 **undergraduate program authorized under ORS 351.770 to 351.840.**

18 (2) **A state institution of higher education offering baccalaureate degrees shall guarantee**
19 **to each undergraduate student enrolled at the institution that, during the student's period**
20 **of enrollment, the institution will not increase the tuition cost per unit charged to the stu-**
21 **dent.**

22 (3) **Each state institution of higher education may adopt administrative rules allowing for**
23 **variations in the length of a student's period of enrollment due to unusual circumstances.**

24 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act applies to undergraduate students whose periods**
25 **of enrollment begin during or after the 2010-2011 academic year.**

26 **SECTION 3. (1) Beginning in the 2010-2011 academic year, a state institution of higher**
27 **education offering baccalaureate degrees shall offer to guarantee, to each undergraduate**
28 **student who is enrolled at the institution and whose period of enrollment began before the**
29 **2010-2011 academic year, that during the remainder of the student's period of enrollment, the**
30 **institution will not increase the tuition cost per unit charged to the student.**

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) As used in this section, “period of enrollment,” “state institution of higher**
2 **education” and “undergraduate student” have the meanings given those terms in section 1**
3 **of this 2009 Act.**

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