

# Senate Bill 906

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT (at the request of Stacy Michaelson)

## 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**.

Creates Task Force on Increasing the Numbers of Oregon Students in Post-Secondary Education.  
Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to participation of Oregon students in post-secondary education; and declaring an emer-  
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Increasing the Numbers of Oregon**  
6 **Students in Post-Secondary Education, consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:**

7 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**  
8 **Senate.**

9 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**  
10 **members of the House of Representatives.**

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint:**

12 (A) **One member representing community colleges;**

13 (B) **One member representing accredited vocational or professional certification schools;**

14 (C) **Two members representing secondary schools;**

15 (D) **One member representing primary schools;**

16 (E) **One member who is a current university student and who is a member of an under-**  
17 **represented demographic group;**

18 (F) **One member who is a current high school student and who is a member of an**  
19 **under-represented demographic group; and**

20 (G) **One member who is the parent of a child in an under-represented demographic group.**

21 (d) **The Chancellor of the Oregon University System shall appoint:**

22 (A) **One member from among the members of the State Board of Education;**

23 (B) **One member from the GEAR UP program in the chancellor's office; and**

24 (C) **One member from an admissions office of an Oregon University System school.**

25 (e) **The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint one member representing the**  
26 **Department of Education.**

27 (f) **The chair of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission shall appoint one member**  
28 **representing the ASPIRE program.**

29 (2) **For the purposes of this section, "under-represented demographic group" means:**

30 (a) **Minority students;**

**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       **(b) Low-income students;**
- 2       **(c) Rural students; and**
- 3       **(d) Potential first-generation college students.**

4       **(3) The task force shall:**

5           **(a) Investigate means of expanding the best practices of programs such as GEAR UP and**  
6 **ASPIRE to all Oregon students, with priority given to under-represented demographic**  
7 **groups;**

8           **(b) Include vocational schools and professional certification schools in its consideration**  
9 **of post-secondary education;**

10          **(c) Determine the earliest age when it is appropriate to begin introducing students and**  
11 **families to the idea of post-secondary education and recommend age-appropriate curricula;**  
12 **and**

13          **(d) Consider and recommend measures to accomplish the following goals:**

14           **(A) Development of strong partnerships with post-secondary schools for campus**  
15 **visitation opportunities and on-site informational sessions;**

16           **(B) Development of community partnerships to create student opportunities for con-**  
17 **necting education with career goals;**

18           **(C) Assistance with post-secondary and financial aid application processes, including**  
19 **early education in such matters; and**

20           **(D) Efforts to inform and include parents in the post-secondary application process.**

21          **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
22 **of business.**

23          **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
24 **of the task force.**

25          **(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

26          **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**  
27 **ment to become immediately effective.**

28          **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
29 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

30          **(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

31          **(10) The task force shall submit a report detailing its policy, curriculum and staff pro-**  
32 **fessional development recommendations along with estimated costs and proposed funding**  
33 **sources, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the**  
34 **Legislative Assembly related to post-secondary education no later than September 1, 2010.**

35          **(11) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force. The de-**  
36 **partment shall seek funding through a private partnership or a grant to offset task force**  
37 **related costs.**

38          **(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**  
39 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other**  
40 **expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**  
41 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions**  
42 **of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Department of Education for**  
43 **purposes of the task force.**

44          **(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**  
45 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**

1 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force  
2 consider necessary to perform their duties.

3 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next  
4 regular biennial legislative session.

5 **SECTION 3.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect  
7 on its passage.

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