

House Bill 3418

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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 Higher Education Student and Institutional Success. Directs task force to study and prepare report on best practices, methods and funding options to promote student and institutional success and submit report by October 1, 2012.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2013 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Higher Education Student and Institutional Success**
5 **is established, consisting of 13 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The Governor shall appoint:**

7 (A) **One member from the State Board of Higher Education.**

8 (B) **One member from the Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors.**

9 (C) **One member from the board of a community college district in this state.**

10 (D) **One member who is a faculty member of a state institution of higher education listed**
11 **in ORS 352.002.**

12 (E) **One member who is a faculty member of a community college in this state.**

13 (F) **One member who is a faculty member of Oregon Health and Science University.**

14 (G) **One member who is a student at a state institution of higher education listed in ORS**
15 **352.002.**

16 (H) **One member who is a student at Oregon Health and Science University.**

17 (I) **One member who is a student at a community college in this state.**

18 (J) **One member who is a representative of an Oregon-based business.**

19 (K) **One member who is a representative of a labor union that represents employees at**
20 **a state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002.**

21 (b) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
22 **Senate.**

23 (c) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
24 **members of the House of Representatives.**

25 (2) **The task force shall, for higher education students and institutions in this state:**

26 (a) **Examine best practices and models for accomplishing student and institutional suc-**
27 **cess;**

28 (b) **Consider institutional and statutory barriers to student success and completion of**
29 **programs;**

30 (c) **Examine methods for students to acquire basic skills and career preparation skills;**

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 (d) Review alternative funding options for providing necessary services to students and
2 promoting best practices for student success and completion; and

3 (e) Compare alternative funding options instituted in other states for improving student
4 and institutional success.

5 (3) To accomplish the tasks set forth in subsection (2) of this section, the task force
6 shall:

7 (a) Facilitate discussions with key higher education stakeholders at the institutional and
8 board levels;

9 (b) Hold public hearings throughout this state to gain input on its tasks; and

10 (c) Review work done by previous committees and task forces in this state, as well as
11 by relevant professional organizations and other states.

12 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
13 of business.

14 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
15 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

22 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
23 lation, to any interim legislative committees related to higher education no later than Oc-
24 tober 1, 2012. The task force shall submit periodic updates to any interim legislative
25 committees while completing its tasks and preparing its report.

26 (11) The Joint Boards of Education, or any successor coordinating commission, shall
27 provide staff support to the task force.

28 (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation.

29 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
30 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
31 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
32 consider necessary to perform their duties.

33 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013
34 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

35 **SECTION 3.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
36 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
37 on its passage.

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