

Senate Bill 254

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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**.

Directs Department of Education to administer grant program to provide grants related to accelerated college credit programs and examinations for college credit.

Directs Joint Boards of Education to develop statewide standards for dual credit programs. Requires public high schools, community colleges and state institutions of higher education to implement statewide standards. Directs school districts, community college districts and state institutions of higher education to submit annual reports on academic performance of students enrolled in dual credit programs.

Requires school districts to provide or ensure access to accelerated college credit programs.

Establishes Accelerated College Credit Account. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to account. Continuously appropriates moneys in account to Department of Education.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to college credits; creating new provisions; amending ORS 340.083 and 341.450; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

6 (a) **“Accelerated college credit programs” includes dual credit programs, two-plus-two programs, advanced placement programs and International Baccalaureate programs.**

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8 (b) **“Examinations for college credit” means advanced placement examinations and other examinations that provide college credit to a student who meets or exceeds a specified score on the examination.**

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11 (2) **The Department of Education shall administer a grant program that provides grants for the purposes of:**

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13 (a) **Providing education or training to teachers who will provide or are providing instruction in accelerated college credit programs; and**

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15 (b) **Assisting students in paying for examinations for college credit and for tests or other fees related to accelerated college credit programs.**

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17 (3) **Any school district, community college district or state institution of higher education in this state may individually or jointly apply for a grant under this section.**

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19 (4) **If a grant is awarded for the purpose of providing education or training to teachers who will provide or are providing instruction in an accelerated college credit program:**

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21 (a) **The amount of the grant may not exceed one-third of the total cost of the education or training; and**

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23 (b) **The department may award the grant on the condition that the teacher, school district, community college district and state institution of higher education pay the balance of the cost of the education or training in a proportion agreed to by the teacher, districts**

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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 and institution.

2 (5) For the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section, the department may:

3 (a) Accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and
4 its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on
5 the funds not inconsistent with the purposes of subsection (2) of this section; and

6 (b) Enter into agreements with school districts, community college districts and state
7 institutions of higher education related to the funding to provide education or training to
8 teachers who will provide or are providing instruction in an accelerated college credit pro-
9 gram.

10 (6) All funds received by the department under this section shall be paid into the Accel-
11 erated College Credit Account established under section 8 of this 2011 Act to be used for the
12 purposes described in subsection (2) of this section.

13 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Joint Boards of Education shall develop statewide standards for dual
14 credit programs to be implemented by public high schools, community colleges and state in-
15 stitutions of higher education within the Oregon University System. The standards must
16 establish the manner by which:

17 (a) A student may, upon completion of a course, earn course credit both for high school
18 and for a community college or state institution of higher education within the Oregon Uni-
19 versity System; and

20 (b) Teachers of courses that are part of a dual credit program will work together to de-
21 termine the quality of the program and to ensure the alignment of the content, objectives
22 and outcomes of individual courses.

23 (2) Each public high school, community college and state institution of higher education
24 within the Oregon University System that provides a dual credit program must implement
25 the statewide standards developed under subsection (1) of this section.

26 (3) Each school district, community college and state institution of higher education
27 within the Oregon University System that provides a dual credit program shall submit an
28 annual report to the Joint Boards of Education on the academic performance of students
29 enrolled in a dual credit program. The Joint Boards of Education shall establish the required
30 contents of the report, which must provide sufficient information to allow the Joint Boards
31 of Education to determine the quality of the dual credit program.

32 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 (2) and (3) of this 2011 Act first applies to the 2013-2014 school year.

33 **SECTION 4.** (1) As used in this section, “accelerated college credit programs” includes
34 dual credit programs, two-plus-two programs, advanced placement programs and Interna-
35 tional Baccalaureate programs.

36 (2) Each school district shall:

37 (a) Provide students in grades 9 through 12 with accelerated college credit programs in-
38 cluding, but not limited to, accelerated college credit programs related to English, math-
39 ematics and science; or

40 (b) Ensure that students in grades 9 through 12 have online access to accelerated college
41 credit programs including, but not limited to, accelerated college credit programs related to
42 English, mathematics and science.

43 **SECTION 5.** ORS 341.450 is amended to read:

44 341.450. Every community college district shall encourage high school students to start early
45 on a college education by implementing [*two-plus-two programs and other related programs*] a dual

1 **credit program, a two-plus-two program or another accelerated college credit program.** Each
 2 community college district shall make at least one such program available to each interested school
 3 district that is within the boundaries of the community college district.

4 **SECTION 6. Section 4 of this 2011 Act and the amendments to ORS 341.450 by section 5**
 5 **of this 2011 Act:**

- 6 (1) **Become operative July 1, 2014.**
- 7 (2) **First apply to the 2014-2015 school year.**

8 **SECTION 7. ORS 340.083 is amended to read:**

9 340.083. (1) A school district may request a waiver from the Department of Education of the
 10 requirements of this chapter. The department [*shall*] **may** grant the waiver if:

11 (a) Compliance with the requirements of this chapter would adversely impact the finances of the
 12 school district; or

13 (b) The school district offers [*dual credit technical preparation programs, such as two-plus-two*
 14 *programs, advanced placement or International Baccalaureate programs and other accelerated college*
 15 *credit programs*] **a dual credit program, a two-plus-two program, an advanced placement pro-**
 16 **gram, an International Baccalaureate program or any other accelerated college credit pro-**
 17 **gram.**

18 (2) The duration of a waiver granted based on subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be no more
 19 than two school years.

20 (3) The duration of a waiver granted under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall be the length
 21 of the program that was the basis for the waiver.

22 (4) There is no limit on the number of times a school district may apply for and be granted a
 23 waiver under this section.

24 **SECTION 8. The Accelerated College Credit Account is established in the State Treasury,**
 25 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Accelerated College**
 26 **Credit Account shall be credited to the account. Moneys in the Accelerated College Credit**
 27 **Account are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the purposes**
 28 **described in section 1 (2) of this 2011 Act.**

29 **SECTION 9. There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium**
 30 **beginning July 1, 2011, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for deposit in the**
 31 **Accelerated College Credit Account established under section 8 of this 2011 Act to be used**
 32 **for the purposes described in section 1 (2) of this 2011 Act.**

33 **SECTION 10. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 34 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
 35 **July 1, 2011.**