

House Bill 2302

Sponsored by Representative READ; Representatives DOHERTY, GREENLICK (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Guarantees admission to public universities of this state if students meet certain standards established by State Board of Education.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to admission to public universities; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 351.070.

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

SECTION 1. (1) **The State Board of Higher Education shall establish standards for students of the public schools of this state to meet to be guaranteed admission to a public university listed in ORS 352.002.**

(2) **The standards established by the board may be related to any combination of grades, assessment scores, behavior, attendance or any other criteria identified by the board.**

(3) **The board shall establish guidelines for when information about the standards established under subsection (2) of this section is provided to the students of the public schools of this state. At a minimum, the information must be provided:**

(a) **For the first time in the third grade; and**

(b) **In the eighth grade.**

(4) **If a student graduates from a public high school in this state and meets the standards established by the board under subsection (2) of this section, a public university must accept the student for admission and may not impose any additional requirements for admission except for the payment of reasonable application fees.**

SECTION 2. (1) **The information described in section 1 of this 2013 Act must first be provided to students in the 2014-2015 school year.**

(2) **From the 2014-2015 academic year through the 2018-2019 academic year, a public university may accept students for admission without imposing any additional requirements if the students meet the standards established by the State Board of Higher Education under section 1 of this 2013 Act.**

(3) **A public university must admit a student as provided by section 1 (4) of this 2013 Act if:**

(a) **The student is applying for admission for the 2019-2020 academic year or any following academic year; or**

(b) **The student received the information described in section 1 of this section when the student was in any grade prior to grade nine.**

SECTION 3. ORS 351.070 is amended to read:

351.070. (1) **The State Board of Higher Education shall, by rule, implement a personnel system**

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 for the Oregon University System and may engage in collective bargaining with the employees. All
2 collective bargaining with any certified or recognized exclusive employee representative shall be
3 under the direction and supervision of the Chancellor of the Oregon University System. The board
4 and the Oregon University System shall have payroll authority.

5 (2)(a) The board shall establish competitive procedures for the purchasing, procurement and
6 contracting of goods, services and information technology, for the benefit of the Oregon University
7 System and all the public universities and offices, departments and activities under the control of
8 the board. The board may also establish exemptions from the competitive procedures when appro-
9 priate.

10 (b) The board shall ensure that the hourly rate of wage paid by any contractor upon all public
11 improvements contracts undertaken for the board shall not be less than the same rate of wage as
12 determined by the Bureau of Labor and Industries for an hour's work in the same trade or occupa-
13 tion in the locality where such labor is performed. Claims or disputes arising under this subsection
14 shall be decided by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

15 (c) The board shall adopt policies and procedures that achieve results equal to or better than
16 the standards existing on July 17, 1995, regarding affirmative action, pay equity for comparable
17 work, recycling, the provision of workers' compensation insurance to workers on contract and the
18 participation of emerging small businesses and businesses owned by minorities and women.

19 (3) The board may, for each public university listed in ORS 352.002:

20 (a) Appoint and employ a president and the requisite number of employees and prescribe their
21 compensation and tenure of office or employment.

22 (b) Demand and receive the interest mentioned in ORS 352.510 and all sums due and accruing
23 for admission and tuition, and apply the same, or so much thereof as is necessary, to the payment
24 of the compensation referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection and the other current expenses.

25 (c) Prescribe incidental fees for programs under the supervision or control of the board found
26 by the board, upon its own motion or upon recommendation of the recognized student government,
27 to be advantageous to the cultural or physical development of students. Fees realized in excess of
28 amounts allocated and exceeding required reserves shall be considered surplus incidental fees and
29 shall be allocated for programs under the control of the board and found to be advantageous to the
30 cultural or physical development of students by the president upon the recommendation of the re-
31 cognized student government.

32 (d) Upon recommendation of the recognized student government, collect optional fees for student
33 activities not included in paragraph (c) of this subsection or ORS 351.063 as authorized by the
34 president. The payment of such optional fees is at the option and selection of the student and is not
35 a prerequisite of enrollment.

36 (e) Confer, consistent with the mission and programs of each public university and on the rec-
37 ommendation of the faculty of the public university, such degrees as usually are conferred by public
38 universities, or as the faculty deems appropriate.

39 (f) Prescribe the qualifications for admission, **which must incorporate the provision of sec-**
40 **tion 1 of this 2013 Act.**

41 (4) Subject to such delegation as the board may decide to make to the public universities and
42 offices, departments and activities under its control, the board, for each public university, office,
43 department or activity under its control:

44 (a) Shall supervise the general course of instruction therein, and the research, extension, edu-
45 cational and other activities thereof.

1 (b) Shall adopt rules and bylaws for the government thereof, including the faculty, teachers,
2 students and employees therein.

3 (c) Shall maintain cultural and physical development services and facilities therefor and, in
4 connection therewith, may cooperate and enter into agreements with any person or governmental
5 agency.

6 (d) May contract to provide health services at student health centers.

7 (e) Shall provide health services at student health centers to students.

8 (f) May provide health services at student health centers to any of the following:

9 (A) Dependents of students.

10 (B) Staff.

11 (C) Faculty.

12 (g) Shall prescribe and collect charges.

13 (h) Shall adopt rules relating to the creation, use, custody and disclosure, including access, of
14 student education records that are consistent with the requirements of applicable state and federal
15 law. Whenever a student has attained 18 years of age or is attending a public university listed in
16 ORS 352.002, the permission or consent required of and the rights accorded to a parent of the stu-
17 dent regarding education records shall thereafter be required of and accorded to only the student.

18 (5) For each public university listed in ORS 352.002, the board shall provide opportunities for
19 part-time students to obtain complete undergraduate degrees at unconventional times, which include
20 but are not limited to early morning and noon hours, evenings and weekends. In administering these
21 degree programs, the public university may use any educational facility available for the use of the
22 public university.

23 (6) For all public universities listed in ORS 352.002, the board shall, to the extent feasible and
24 cost beneficial, develop and implement a common admissions process that permits applicants to be
25 considered for admission to more than one public university. **The admissions process must in-**
26 **corporate the provisions of section 1 of this 2013 Act.**

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