

Senate Bill 702

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Directs Oregon Student Access Commission to award at least 50 percent of Oregon Opportunity Grant moneys awarded each year to qualified students majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematical fields.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Oregon Opportunity Grant distribution; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 348.205.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 348.205 is amended to read:

6 348.205. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Grant program is established within the Oregon Student
7 Access Commission.

8 (2) Under the program, the cost of education of a qualified student shall be shared by the stu-
9 dent, the family of the student, the federal government and the state.

10 (3) The commission shall determine the cost of education of a qualified student based on the type
11 of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending. The cost of education equals:

12 (a) For a student attending a community college, the average cost of education of attending a
13 community college in this state;

14 (b) For a student attending a public university under the direction of the State Board of Higher
15 Education, the average cost of education of attending a public university under the direction of the
16 board;

17 (c) For a student attending a two-year Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institu-
18 tion of higher education, the average cost of education of attending a community college in this
19 state; and

20 (d) For a student attending the Oregon Health and Science University or a four-year Oregon-
21 based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, the average cost of edu-
22 cation of attending an institution under the direction of the board.

23 (4)(a) The commission shall determine the amount of the student share. The student share shall
24 be based on:

25 (A) The type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending;

26 (B) The number of hours of work that the commission determines may be reasonably expected
27 from the student; and

28 (C) The amount of loans that the commission determines would constitute a manageable debt
29 burden for the student.

30 (b) The student shall determine how to cover the student share through income from work,
31 loans, savings and scholarships.

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 (c) The student share for a student who attends a community college may not exceed the amount
2 that the commission determines a student may earn based on the number of hours of work reason-
3 ably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

4 (d) The student share for a student who attends an eligible post-secondary institution that is not
5 a community college may not exceed the sum of the amount that the commission determines a stu-
6 dent may receive as loans plus the amount a student may earn based on the number of hours of
7 work reasonably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

8 (5) The commission shall determine the amount of the family share. The family share shall be
9 based on the resources of the family.

10 (6) The commission shall determine the amount of the federal share based on how much the
11 student or the student's family is expected to receive from the federal government as grants, loans,
12 tax credits or other student assistance.

13 (7)(a) The commission shall determine the amount of the state share. The state share shall be
14 equal to the cost of education reduced by the student share, family share and amount received by
15 the student from the federal government.

16 (b) The commission shall establish a minimum amount that a student may receive as a state
17 share. If the commission determines that the amount of the state share of a student is below the
18 minimum amount, the student may not receive the state share.

19 (c) In determining the amount of the state share, the commission shall consider the total amount
20 available to award as grants to all qualified students. If the commission must reduce the amount of
21 the state share under this paragraph, the commission may not reduce the amount of the state share
22 awarded to students in the low income range in a greater proportion than the amount that the state
23 share for students in other income ranges is reduced.

24 (8)(a) The commission shall adopt rules that prioritize [*current foster children and former foster*
25 *children*] **the following groups of applicants** for receiving Oregon Opportunity Grants when the
26 Oregon Opportunity Grant program does not have sufficient funding to serve all eligible Oregon
27 students:

28 **(A) Current foster children and former foster children; and**

29 **(B) Qualified students majoring in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics**
30 **field.**

31 (b) For the purposes of this subsection, "former foster child" has the meaning given that term
32 in ORS 351.293.

33 **(c) To the extent practicable, the commission shall award at least 50 percent of the total**
34 **amount of moneys awarded in grants each academic year to qualified students majoring in**
35 **science, technology, engineering or mathematics fields.**

36 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 348.205 by section 1 of this 2013 Act first apply to**
37 **Oregon Opportunity Grants awarded for the 2014-2015 academic year.**

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