

Enrolled House Bill 4021

Sponsored by Representative MATTHEWS, Senators BOQUIST, OLSEN; Representatives FAGAN, PARRISH, WHISNANT, Senators DEVLIN, JOHNSON, MONNES ANDERSON (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to veterans' educational benefits; creating new provisions; amending ORS 352.375; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 352.375 is amended to read:

352.375. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who is attending classes as an undergraduate **or graduate student** on a public university or community college campus in this state tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate if the student:

(a) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

(b) Was relieved or discharged from that service with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions; and

(c) Provides proof that the student has established a physical presence in Oregon within 12 months of being enrolled at the public university or community college.

(2) A person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who receives federal tuition benefits in excess of the tuition and fees the person is charged under subsection (1) of this section at a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college where the person is enrolled shall pay tuition and fees equal to the federal tuition benefits received.

(3) Distance education and self-support courses as identified by each public university listed in ORS 352.002 and community college are exempt from the tuition reduction provisions of this section.

(4) If a nonresident student otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this section is receiving federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full nonresident tuition and fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 352.375 by section 1 of this 2014 Act apply only to persons admitted as new graduate students but not continuing graduate students for enrollment to a public university on or after September 15, 2014.

SECTION 3. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect on its passage.

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Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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