

House Bill 4116

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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 Community Colleges and Workforce Development and Higher Education Coordinating Commission to jointly establish grant program for purpose of distributing moneys to community colleges to increase number of underserved, low-income and first-generation college-bound students who enroll in community college and make progress toward degree or certificate.

Sunsets program on July 1, 2015.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for grant program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to assistance for community college students; appropriating money; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and**
6 **the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall jointly establish a grant program for**
7 **the purpose of distributing moneys to community colleges to increase the number of under-**
8 **served, low-income and first-generation college-bound students who enroll in community**
9 **college and make progress toward a degree or a certificate.**

10 (2) Moneys distributed under subsection (1) of this section may be used by a community
11 college for services that are designed to increase student enrollment, retention and degree
12 and certificate completion, including counseling programs, college initiatives, advising ser-
13 vices and assistance in obtaining financial aid.

14 (3) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Higher Education Coordinating
15 Commission, shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section, including
16 rules that set standards for awarding grants. The standards shall give priority to community
17 colleges that have student enrollment, retention and degree and certificate completion pro-
18 grams with demonstrated support from the private sector, the community and local gov-
19 ernment.

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2014 Act is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 1.** (1) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and the Higher
22 Education Coordinating Commission shall jointly establish a grant program for the purpose of dis-
23 tributing moneys to community colleges to increase the number of underserved, low-income and
24 first-generation college-bound students who enroll in community college and make progress toward
25 a degree or a certificate.

26 (2) Moneys distributed under subsection (1) of this section may be used by a community college
27 for services that are designed to increase student enrollment, retention and degree and certificate

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.

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 2 obtaining financial aid.

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 4 Commission[,] shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section, including rules that
 5 set standards for awarding grants. The standards shall give priority to community colleges that have
 6 student enrollment, retention and degree and certificate completion programs with demonstrated
 7 support from the private sector, the community and local government.

8 **SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to section 1 of this 2014 Act by section 2 of this 2014**
 9 **Act become operative July 1, 2014.**

10 (2) **Notwithstanding the transfer of authority by the amendments to section 1 of this 2014**
 11 **Act by section 2 of this 2014 Act, the rules of the State Board of Education related to the**
 12 **administration of section 1 of this 2014 Act that are in effect on the operative date of section**
 13 **2 of this 2014 Act continue in effect until superseded or repealed by rules of the Higher Ed-**
 14 **ucation Coordinating Commission. References in such rules of the State Board of Education**
 15 **to the State Board of Education are considered to be references to the Higher Education**
 16 **Coordinating Commission or an officer or employee of the Higher Education Coordinating**
 17 **Commission.**

18 **SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2014 Act is repealed on July 1, 2015.**

19 **SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
 20 **ated to the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, for the**
 21 **biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,500,000, which**
 22 **may be expended for the grant program established in section 1 of this 2014 Act.**

23 **SECTION 6. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 24 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect**
 25 **on its passage.**

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