

B-Engrossed
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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.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to examine viability of program allowing students who graduated from high school in state or who completed grade 12 to attend community college for specified period without paying tuition and fees.

Directs commission to submit report to interim legislative committees on education no later than September 30, 2014.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community college costs; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall examine the vi-**
5 **ability of a program that allows a student who graduated from a high school in this state**
6 **or who completed grade 12 in compliance with the requirements of ORS 339.035 to attend a**
7 **community college in this state without paying tuition and fees at the community college for**
8 **a specified period. When conducting the examination, the commission shall identify and**
9 **consider:**

10 (a) **The anticipated number of students who will participate in the program;**

11 (b) **The anticipated annual cost of the program and federal, state and other sources of**
12 **moneys that could be used to pay the costs of the program;**

13 (c) **Current capacity available at community colleges to enroll additional students;**

14 (d) **Potential eligibility criteria for students participating in the program; and**

15 (e) **The possibility of requiring students to first use financial aid available to the stu-**
16 **dents, including federal moneys provided to low-income students for the purpose of paying**
17 **for post-secondary education.**

18 (2) **If the commission determines that the program described in subsection (1) of this**
19 **section is viable, the commission shall propose criteria for the program.**

20 (3) **The commission shall submit a report that summarizes the findings described in this**
21 **section to the interim legislative committees on education no later than September 30, 2014.**
22 **The report may include recommendations for legislation if the commission determines that**
23 **the program described in subsection (1) of this section is viable.**

24 **SECTION 2. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

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 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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