

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2407

By COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

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- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert “348.180,”.
- 2 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page 2.
- 3 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 21 and insert:
- 4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 348.205 is amended to read:
- 5 “348.205. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Grant program is established within the Higher Education
6 Coordinating Commission.
- 7 “(2) Under the program, the cost of education of a qualified student shall be shared by the stu-
8 dent, the family of the student, the federal government and the state.
- 9 “(3) The Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion shall determine the
10 cost of education of a qualified student based on the type of eligible post-secondary institution the
11 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 listed in ORS 352.002, the average cost of edu-
15 cation of attending a public university;
- 16 “(c) For a student attending a two-year Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit insti-
17 tution of higher education, the average cost of education of attending a community college in this
18 state; and
- 19 “(d) For a student attending the Oregon Health and Science University or a four-year Oregon-
20 based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, the average cost of edu-
21 cation of attending a public university listed in ORS 352.002.
- 22 “(4)(a) The executive director shall determine the amount of the student share. The student
23 share shall be based on:
- 24 “(A) The type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending;
- 25 “(B) The number of hours of work that the executive director determines may be reasonably
26 expected from the student; and
- 27 “(C) The amount of loans that the executive director determines would constitute a manageable
28 debt burden for the student.
- 29 “(b) The student shall determine how to cover the student share through income from work,
30 loans, savings and scholarships.
- 31 “(c) The student share for a student who attends a community college may not exceed the
32 amount that the executive director determines a student may earn based on the number of hours
33 of work reasonably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- 34 “(d) The student share for a student who attends an eligible post-secondary institution that is
35 not a community college may not exceed the sum of the amount that the executive director deter-

1 mines a student may receive as loans plus the amount a student may earn based on the number of
2 hours of work reasonably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

3 “(5) The executive director shall determine the amount of the family share. The family share
4 shall be based on the resources of the family.

5 “(6) The executive director shall determine the amount of the federal share based on how much
6 the student or the student’s family is expected to receive from the federal government as grants,
7 loans, tax credits or other student assistance.

8 “(7)(a) The executive director shall determine the amount of the state share. The state share
9 shall be equal to the cost of education reduced by the student share, family share and amount re-
10 ceived by the student from the federal government.

11 “(b) The executive director shall establish a minimum amount that a student may receive as a
12 state share. If the executive director determines that the amount of the state share of a student is
13 below the minimum amount, the student may not receive the state share.

14 “[*(c) In determining the amount of the state share, the executive director shall consider the total*
15 *amount available to award as grants to all qualified students. If the executive director must reduce the*
16 *amount of the state share under this paragraph, the executive director may not reduce the amount of*
17 *the state share awarded to students in the low income range in a greater proportion than the amount*
18 *that the state share for students in other income ranges is reduced.*]

19 “(c) **The executive director may not reduce the amount of the state share of a student**
20 **based on amounts available to the student by virtue of being the designated beneficiary of a**
21 **college savings network account established under ORS 348.841 to 348.873.**

22 “(8) **Subject to subsection (9) of this section, if the executive director determines that**
23 **there are insufficient moneys to award the state share to all qualified students, the executive**
24 **director:**

25 “(a) **May establish the maximum amount that a student may receive as a state share.**
26 **This amount may vary based on whether the student is attending an eligible post-secondary**
27 **institution on a half-time or full-time basis.**

28 “(b) **May establish procedures that prioritize awarding Oregon Opportunity Grants to**
29 **qualified students with the greatest financial need or whose circumstances would enhance**
30 **the promotion of equity guidelines published by the Higher Education Coordinating Commis-**
31 **sion.**

32 “(c) **May not reduce the amount of the state share awarded to students in the low income**
33 **range in a greater proportion than the amount that the state share for students in other**
34 **income ranges is reduced.**

35 “[*(8)(a)*] (9)(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall adopt rules that prioritize
36 current foster children and former foster children for receiving Oregon Opportunity Grants when
37 the Oregon Opportunity Grant program does not have sufficient funding to serve all eligible Oregon
38 students.

39 “(b) For the purposes of this subsection, ‘former foster child’ has the meaning given that term
40 in ORS 351.293.

41 “**SECTION 2. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial aid authorized by law,**
42 **the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award moneys from the Oregon Oppor-**
43 **tunity Grant program to qualified students to reward student persistence and encourage**
44 **completion of degree programs at eligible post-secondary institutions.**

45 “(2) **Awards made under this section are not subject to the maximum Oregon Opportu-**

1 nity Grant amount established under ORS 348.205.

2 “(3) The commission shall establish by rule eligibility criteria for awards made under this
3 section. These criteria shall include, but not be limited to, whether the qualified student is
4 attending an eligible post-secondary institution on a full-time or half-time basis.

5 “(4)(a) The Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion shall ad-
6 minister, and determine the size of, awards made under this section.

7 “(b) In determining the size of awards made under this section, the executive director
8 shall consider basing the size of the awards on a percentage of the maximum Oregon Op-
9 portunity Grant amount established under ORS 348.205.

10 “**SECTION 3.** ORS 348.180 is amended to read:

11 “348.180. As used in this section and ORS 348.186, 348.205, 348.230, 348.250, 348.260 and 348.285
12 and section 2 of this 2015 Act:

13 “(1) ‘Cost of education’ includes but is not limited to, tuition, fees and living expenses.

14 “(2) ‘Eligible post-secondary institution’ means:

15 “(a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

16 “(b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341;

17 “(c) The Oregon Health and Science University; or

18 “(d) An Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education.

19 “(3) ‘Qualified student’ means any resident student who plans to attend an eligible post-
20 secondary institution and who:

21 “(a) Has not achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any post-secondary institution;

22 “(b) Is enrolled in an eligible program as defined by rule of the Higher Education Coordinating
23 Commission; and

24 “(c) Is making satisfactory academic progress as defined by rule of the commission.”.

25 In line 27, delete “adopted by the commission under” and insert “described in”.

26 In line 39, delete “timely applied” and insert “made a timely application”.

27 On page 4, after line 6, insert:

28 “(6)(a) The Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion shall inform eli-
29 gible post-secondary institutions of the identity of qualified students who attend the institution and
30 who receive a grant under this section for more than one academic year.

31 “(b) To the extent possible, eligible post-secondary institutions shall ensure that qualified stu-
32 dents identified under this subsection are made aware of the academic guidance and counseling
33 services available at the institution.”.

34 In line 7, delete “(6)” and insert “(7)”.

35 In line 13, delete “(7)” and insert “(8)”.

36 After line 14, insert:

37 “(9)(a) The commission shall report annually on or before February 1 to committees of the
38 Legislative Assembly related to higher education regarding the academic success and performance
39 of qualified students who receive grants under this section.

40 “(b) In order to meet the reporting requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection:

41 “(A) The commission shall by rule design a method for evaluating the academic success and
42 performance of students who receive a grant under this section; and

43 “(B) Upon a request from the commission, eligible post-secondary institutions must provide the
44 commission with the data necessary for the commission to conduct its analysis.”.

45 Delete lines 15 and 16 and insert:

1 **“SECTION 5. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, section 2 of this 2015**
2 **Act and the amendments to ORS 348.180, 348.205 and 348.260 by sections 1, 3 and 4 of this 2015**
3 **Act first apply to financial assistance awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year.**

4 **“(2) The first report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher**
5 **education required under ORS 348.260, as amended by section 4 of this 2015 Act, must be filed**
6 **by February 1, 2020.”.**

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