B-Engrossed House Bill 2645

Ordered by the House March 19 Including House Amendments dated February 12 and March 19

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives GALLEGOS, PILUSO, READ, WHISNANT (Presession filed.)

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.

Requires [community colleges and] public universities to establish priority enrollment system for qualified students who are active members of Armed Forces of the United States or qualified veterans.

Requires public universities and community colleges that have established priority enrollment system to provide that qualified students who have completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment have priority over qualified students who have not completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment and persons who are not qualified students and who are registering for first time for enrollment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to a priority enrollment system for certain qualified persons.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**
- 5 (a) "Active member of the Armed Forces of the United States" and "Armed Forces of the United States" have the meaning given those terms in ORS 351.642.
 - (b) "Community college" has the meaning given that term in ORS 341.005.
 - (c) "Qualified student" means a student who:
 - (A) Is an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States or served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and
 - (B) If a former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, was relieved or discharged from that service with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.
 - (2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, a public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall establish a priority enrollment system by which a qualified student is prioritized over non-qualified students for registration for enrollment at the public university.
 - (3) A community college that has established a priority enrollment system is subject to subsection (4) of this section.
 - (4) A priority enrollment system established pursuant to this section must, at a minimum, provide that a qualified student who has completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment has priority registration for enrollment over:
 - (a) Qualified students who have not completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment; and
 - (b) Persons who are not qualified students and who are registering for the first time for enrollment at a community college or public university listed in ORS 352.002.

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SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies only to qualified students applying as new or continuing students for enrollment at a community college or a public university on or after September 15, 2016.