

# Enrolled House Bill 2847

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CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to financial aid instruction; amending ORS 348.500.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 348.500 is amended to read:

348.500. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may establish Access to Student Assistance Programs in Reach of Everyone (ASPIRE) to provide information about financial aid and education and training options beyond high school to students in Oregon secondary schools. The goals of the programs are to:

- (a) Provide mentoring and resources to help students access education and training beyond high school;
- (b) Help high schools build a sustainable community of volunteer mentors; and
- (c) Educate students and families about the scholarship application process and other options for paying for post-secondary education.

(2) The programs shall bring together students, school staff, community volunteers and parents to help students overcome obstacles to their continuing education. The programs may provide training, technical assistance and other resources to Oregon high schools on how to establish a volunteer-based program. Adult volunteers who are trained through the program may provide mentoring, training and encouragement to students about post-secondary options and financial aid.

**(3) Each year, the programs shall provide financial aid instruction to high school students and make the instruction available to the students' families. This instruction may be conducted in conjunction with existing ASPIRE programs. The instruction should focus on areas of academic interest or career opportunities identified as particularly relevant to the students and provide information on apprenticeships or technical and occupational career pathways, with a focus on local apprenticeships or local technical and occupational career pathways.**

**(4) The financial aid instruction required under subsection (3) of this section must outline:**

- (a) The different types of student loans that are available to students attending post-secondary institutions of education;**
- (b) The potential use of individual development accounts established under ORS 458.675 to 458.700 to pay for post-secondary education; and**
- (c) The short-term and long-term economic impacts of each type of student loan or individual development account.**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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