

House Bill 3118

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH

SUMMARY

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Allows certain students who have not received high school diploma to attend community college and to use moneys that would have paid for public school to be paid for books, tuition and fees.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to community college attendance by high school students; creating new provisions; amend-
3 ing ORS 341.481; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 341.481 is amended to read:

6 341.481. (1) A **community college** district shall admit **persons who are** high school graduates
7 **and** who are residents of Oregon. [*and may admit other residents who, in the judgment of the ad-*
8 *ministration of the district, are capable of profiting from the instruction offered in a specific course or*
9 *program without regard to age. In the case of a student younger than 16 years of age, the college ad-*
10 *ministration shall make the final determination.*]

11 (2) [*Districts may also*] A **community college district may** admit persons who are not residents
12 of the district or of the state, including persons who are not citizens of the United States, if [*such*
13 *admission is considered suitable.*] **the administration of the district considers the admission**
14 **suitable.**

15 (3)(a) A **community college district may admit a person who is a resident of Oregon and**
16 **who is not a high school graduate if, in the judgment of the administration of the district,**
17 **the person is capable of benefiting from the instruction offered in a specific course or pro-**
18 **gram without regard to age. If the person is younger than 16 years of age, the college ad-**
19 **ministration shall make the final determination as to admission.**

20 (b) For a person admitted as allowed under paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the person
21 **otherwise would be enrolled in a public school in grade 11 or 12 and the person scores at**
22 **college level on placement tests for writing, reading and math, the person shall be considered**
23 **a student of the school district in which the student resides for purposes of calculating**
24 **weighted average daily membership under ORS 327.013 and the school district shall:**

25 (A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, transfer to the community
26 college the amount per weighted average daily membership for the person, which shall be
27 based on the amount of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw and shall
28 include additional amounts attributable to the person under ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A). Amounts
29 received under this subparagraph must be used to pay for expenses incurred by the person
30 at the community college for books, tuition and fees.

31 (B) For any amounts that would have been transferred as provided by subparagraph (A)

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 of this paragraph but that exceed the expenses that would be incurred by the person at the
2 community college for books, tuition and fees:

3 (i) Retain one-half of the amount; and

4 (ii) Transfer one-half of the amount to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for de-
5 posit in and distribution through the State School Fund.

6 (c) Nothing in this subsection requires a person to receive approval from the school dis-
7 trict in which the student resides.

8 [(3)] (4) Upon application of a qualified high school student residing in this state and upon
9 agreement between the **community college** district and the school district in which the student
10 resides, the student may be admitted to the community college.

11 [(4)] (5) Any **community college** district may contract with another **community college** dis-
12 trict to admit students of either college to the college of the other.

13 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 341.481 by section 1 of this 2015 Act first apply to
14 the 2015-2016 school year.

15 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
17 July 1, 2015.

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