

House Bill 3390

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative WITT

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 **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Corrections to enter into interagency agreement with community college and public university for purpose of establishing program that provides post-secondary education to inmates.

Sunsets program on June 30, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to post-secondary education of inmates; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections shall enter into an interagency agreement with a community college and a public university listed in ORS 352.002 for the purpose of establishing a program that provides post-secondary education to inmates, as defined in ORS 30.642. The department shall give priority to a community college that has provided post-secondary education to inmates for five or more years and to a public university that is in close proximity to the community college.

(2) Under the program established by the interagency agreement:

(a) A community college or a public university shall provide full-time coursework to inmates; and

(b) The department shall pay the community college or the public university up to \$9,500 per year per inmate for no more than three total years per inmate.

(3) The program described under this section shall provide education to at least 150 inmates but no more than 300 inmates.

(4) The department may accept contributions of funds and assistance from any source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the funds that are not inconsistent with the program described in this section.

(5) The department shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 not later than February 1, 2019. The report shall include an analysis of student achievement under the program described in this section, the recidivism rate for inmates who have participated in the program and the post-release placement of inmates who have participated in the program.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on June 30, 2019.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Corrections, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$712,500, which may be expended for the program described in section 1 of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2015 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 2015 Act takes effect**
2 **July 1, 2015.**

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