

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2407**

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  
6 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

7 “(2) Under the program, the cost of education of a qualified student shall  
8 be shared by the student, the family of the student, the federal government  
9 and the state.

10 “(3) The Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Com-  
11 pletion shall determine the cost of education of a qualified student based on  
12 the type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending. The  
13 cost of education equals:

14 “(a) For a student attending a community college, the average cost of  
15 education of attending a community college in this state;

16 “(b) For a student attending a public university listed in ORS 352.002, the  
17 average cost of education of attending a public university;

18 “(c) For a student attending a two-year Oregon-based, generally accred-  
19 ited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, the average cost of edu-  
20 cation of attending a community college in this state; and

21 “(d) For a student attending the Oregon Health and Science University  
22 or a four-year Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution

1 of higher education, the average cost of education of attending a public  
2 university listed in ORS 352.002.

3 “(4)(a) The executive director shall determine the amount of the student  
4 share. The student share shall be based on:

5 “(A) The type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attend-  
6 ing;

7 “(B) The number of hours of work that the executive director determines  
8 may be reasonably expected from the student; and

9 “(C) The amount of loans that the executive director determines would  
10 constitute a manageable debt burden for the student.

11 “(b) The student shall determine how to cover the student share through  
12 income from work, loans, savings and scholarships.

13 “(c) The student share for a student who attends a community college  
14 may not exceed the amount that the executive director determines a student  
15 may earn based on the number of hours of work reasonably expected from  
16 the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

17 “(d) The student share for a student who attends an eligible post-  
18 secondary institution that is not a community college may not exceed the  
19 sum of the amount that the executive director determines a student may re-  
20 ceive as loans plus the amount a student may earn based on the number of  
21 hours of work reasonably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of  
22 this subsection.

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

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

29 “(7)(a) The executive director shall determine the amount of the state  
30 share. The state share shall be equal to the cost of education reduced by the

1 student share, family share and amount received by the student from the  
2 federal government.

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

7 “[*(c) In determining the amount of the state share, the executive director*  
8 *shall consider the total amount available to award as grants to all qualified*  
9 *students. If the executive director must reduce the amount of the state share*  
10 *under this paragraph, the executive director may not reduce the amount of the*  
11 *state share awarded to students in the low income range in a greater propor-*  
12 *tion than the amount that the state share for students in other income ranges*  
13 *is reduced.*]

14 “**(c) The executive director may not reduce the amount of the state**  
15 **share of a student based on amounts available to the student by virtue**  
16 **of being the designated beneficiary of a college savings network ac-**  
17 **count established under ORS 348.841 to 348.873.**

18 “**(8) Subject to subsection (9) of this section, if the executive direc-**  
19 **tor determines that there are insufficient moneys to award the state**  
20 **share to all qualified students, the executive director:**

21 “**(a) May establish the maximum amount that a student may re-**  
22 **ceive as a state share. This amount may vary based on whether the**  
23 **student is attending an eligible post-secondary institution on a half-**  
24 **time or full-time basis.**

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

30 “**(c) May not reduce the amount of the state share awarded to stu-**

1 **dents in the low income range in a greater proportion than the**  
2 **amount that the state share for students in other income ranges is**  
3 **reduced.**

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

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

11 **“SECTION 2. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial**  
12 **aid authorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission**  
13 **may award moneys from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program to**  
14 **qualified students to reward student persistence and encourage com-**  
15 **pletion of degree programs at eligible post-secondary institutions.**

16 **“(2) Awards made under this section are not subject to the maxi-**  
17 **imum Oregon Opportunity Grant amount established under ORS**  
18 **348.205.**

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

23 **“(4)(a) The Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and**  
24 **Completion shall administer, and determine the size of, awards made**  
25 **under this section.**

26 **“(b) In determining the size of awards made under this section, the**  
27 **executive director shall consider basing the size of the awards on a**  
28 **percentage of the maximum Oregon Opportunity Grant amount es-**  
29 **tablished under ORS 348.205.**

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

1 “348.180. As used in this section and ORS 348.186, 348.205, 348.230, 348.250,  
2 348.260 and 348.285 **and section 2 of this 2015 Act:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 On page 4, after line 6, insert:

24 “(6)(a) The Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Com-  
25 pletion shall inform eligible post-secondary institutions of the identity of  
26 qualified students who attend the institution and who receive a grant under  
27 this section for more than one academic year.

28 “(b) To the extent possible, eligible post-secondary institutions shall en-  
29 sure that qualified students identified under this subsection are made aware  
30 of the academic guidance and counseling services available at the

1 institution.”.

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

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

4 After line 14, insert:

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

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

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

14 “(B) Upon a request from the commission, eligible post-secondary insti-  
15 tutions must provide the commission with the data necessary for the com-  
16 mission to conduct its analysis.”.

17 Delete lines 15 and 16 and insert:

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

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

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