

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4076

By COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon delete the rest of the line and line 3
2 and insert “creating new provisions; amending ORS 341.522; and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 341.522 is amended to read:

5 “341.522. (1) The Office of Student Access and Completion shall administer the Oregon Promise
6 program as provided by this section.

7 “(2) Subject to subsections (5) and (6) of this section, the office shall provide a waiver of tuition
8 for community college courses to a person who meets the criteria described in subsections (3) and
9 (4) of this section. The waiver shall be a grant and limited as provided by subsections (5) and (6)
10 of this section.

11 “(3) A grant shall be awarded under this section to a person who meets the following criteria:

12 “(a) Is enrolled in courses that are:

13 “(A) Offered at a community college in this state; and

14 “(B) Determined by the office, in accordance with rules adopted by the Higher Education Co-
15 ordinating Commission, to be required for completion of:

16 “(i) A one-year curriculum for students who plan to transfer to another post-secondary institu-
17 tion of education;

18 “(ii) An associate degree; or

19 “(iii) A program in career and technical education;

20 “(b) Has been a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in the courses
21 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection;

22 “(c) Attained the person’s highest level of education in this state prior to:

23 “(A) Receiving a diploma under ORS 329.451;

24 “(B) Receiving a General Educational Development (GED) certificate as provided by ORS
25 350.175; [or]

26 “(C) Completing grade 12 in compliance with the requirements of ORS 339.035; or

27 “**(D) Completing grade 12 at a private or parochial school, as described in ORS 339.030**
28 **(1)(a);**

29 “(d) Attained the person’s highest level of education as described in paragraph (c) of this sub-
30 section within six months from the date that the person first enrolls in courses described in para-
31 graph (a) of this subsection for the purpose of receiving a grant under this section;

32 “(e) Earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better in high school or otherwise dem-
33 onstrated an equivalent academic ability, as determined by the office according to rules adopted by
34 the commission;

35 “(f) Completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each academic

1 year and accepted all state and federal aid grants available to the person, if eligible to file the ap-
2 plication; and

3 “(g) Has not completed either of the following:

4 “(A) More than a total of 90 credit hours, or the equivalent, at a post-secondary institution of
5 education; or

6 “(B) A curriculum, degree or program, as described in paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection.

7 “(4)(a) A person continues to remain eligible to receive a grant under this section if the person,
8 in addition to satisfying the criteria specified in subsection (3) of this section, meets the following
9 criteria:

10 “(A) Maintains [a] **at least the minimum** cumulative grade point average [*of 2.5 or better dur-*
11 *ing each term for which the person has received a grant under this section*] **prescribed by the com-**
12 **mission based on federal aid grant requirements;**

13 “(B) Makes satisfactory **academic** progress toward a curriculum, degree or program, as de-
14 scribed in subsection (3)(a)(B) of this section, as [*determined by the office according to rules*
15 *adopted*] **prescribed by the commission based on federal aid grant requirements;** [*and*]

16 “(C) Enrolls in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section for a sufficient number of
17 credit hours to be considered at least a half-time student each term for at least three terms in each
18 consecutive academic year[.]; **and**

19 “(D) **Completes a first-year experience, as identified by the community college and re-**
20 **ported by the community college to the commission.**

21 “(b) A person who fails to [*maintain the cumulative grade point average specified in paragraph*
22 *(a)(A) of this subsection*] **meet an eligibility requirement described in paragraph (a) of this**
23 **subsection** becomes ineligible to receive a grant under this section for the term after which the
24 person fails to [*maintain the cumulative grade point average*] **meet the eligibility requirement**, un-
25 less the eligibility requirement [*of paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection*] is waived by the office ac-
26 cording to rules adopted by the commission.

27 “(5)(a) The total amount of a grant awarded under this section shall be based on each term that
28 a person is enrolled in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section. After the amount of
29 tuition for the person for the term is reduced by \$50, to be paid by the person, and reduced by any
30 amounts received by the person in state and federal aid grants, the person shall be eligible for a
31 grant under this section in an amount that equals:

32 “(A) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, not less than the greater of:

33 “(i) \$1,000; and

34 “(ii) The person’s actual cost for tuition.

35 “(B) Not more than the lesser of:

36 “(i) The average cost of tuition at a community college in this state, as determined by the office;
37 and

38 “(ii) The person’s actual cost for tuition.

39 “(b) The minimum amount of a grant, as calculated under paragraph (a) of this subsection, may
40 be prorated for a person who is enrolled in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section for
41 a sufficient number of credit hours to be considered at least a half-time student but not a full-time
42 student.

43 “(c) The commission may prescribe by rule whether to include fees, and any limitations related
44 to the inclusion of fees, when determining the actual cost of tuition or the average cost of tuition
45 under this subsection.

1 “(6) The total amount in grants awarded under this section by the office may not exceed \$10
2 million per fiscal year, or any lesser amount available to the office for the purpose of this section.
3 The commission may adopt by rule the priority by which grants are awarded, which may allow for
4 preference to be given to persons enrolled in school districts or high schools that meet specified
5 criteria.

6 “(7) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section, in-
7 cluding any requirements related to:

8 “(a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application for a grant under this sec-
9 tion;

10 “(b) Determining whether a person is eligible for a grant under this section, including whether
11 the person shall be given priority as allowed under subsection (6) of this section;

12 “(c) Implementing programs or policies that improve the academic success or completion rates
13 for persons who receive a grant under this section;

14 “(d) Prescribing eligibility requirements and grant calculations for persons dually enrolled in a
15 community college and a public university; and

16 “(e) Evaluating the impact of the program established under this section, including any re-
17 quirements for reporting data needed for evaluations.

18 “(8) No later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall submit to an
19 interim legislative committee related to education a report that summarizes the commission’s
20 findings on the impact of the program established under this section. The report shall include:

21 “(a) Student completion rates of curricula, degrees and programs described in subsection
22 (3)(a)(B) of this section;

23 “(b) The amount of federal aid grants received by persons who received a grant under this sec-
24 tion;

25 “(c) The financial impact of the program on school districts that had students receive a grant
26 under this section;

27 “(d) The financial impact and the enrollment impact of the program on community colleges and
28 public universities in this state; and

29 “(e) The overall success rate of the program and financial impact of the program.

30 **“SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 341.522 by section 1 of this 2016 Act become op-
31 erative on July 1, 2016.**

32 **“SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation
33 made to the Emergency Board by section 5 (1), chapter 781, Oregon Laws 2015, for the
34 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, is decreased by \$2,500,000.**

35 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall distribute moneys
36 to every community college for the purpose of providing support services for persons who
37 enroll in courses offered at a community college in this state within one year of attaining
38 the highest level of education described in ORS 341.522 (3)(c) or who receive a grant under
39 ORS 341.522. Moneys must be distributed equitably among the community colleges.**

40 **“(2) A community college must use moneys received under this section to provide sup-
41 port services at each campus of the community college. The support services must imple-
42 ment proven multiyear strategies that incorporate elements of student services and faculty
43 and staff development to improve academic success or completion rates, including:**

44 **“(a) A first-year experience for persons described in subsection (1) of this section that
45 is provided through a series of intentional, strategic interventions.**

1 “(b) A student success team to serve persons described in subsection (1) of this section.
2 “(c) Professional development for community college faculty and staff to enable the fac-
3 ulty and staff to provide intentional, strategic interventions to persons described in sub-
4 section (1) of this section.
5 “(3)(a) No later than November 31, 2016, each community college shall report to the
6 commission regarding the use of the moneys received under this section.
7 “(b) No later than December 31, 2016, the commission shall submit to the interim legis-
8 lative committees related to education a report that summarizes the distributions made un-
9 der this section and the information received under paragraph (a) of this subsection.
10 “SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2016 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.
11 “SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
12 priated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July
13 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000, which may be expended for making
14 the distributions described in section 4 of this 2016 Act.
15 “SECTION 7. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect
17 on its passage.”
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