

Requested by Representative JOHNSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4076**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 “(B) Determined by the office, in accordance with rules adopted by the
18 Higher Education Coordinating Commission, to be required for completion
19 of:

20 “(i) A one-year curriculum for students who plan to transfer to another
21 post-secondary institution of education;

1 “(ii) An associate degree; or
2 “(iii) A program in career and technical education;
3 “(b) Has been a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to en-
4 rolling in the courses described in paragraph (a) of this subsection;
5 “(c) Attained the person’s highest level of education in this state prior
6 to:
7 “(A) Receiving a diploma under ORS 329.451;
8 “(B) Receiving a General Educational Development (GED) certificate as
9 provided by ORS 350.175; [*or*]
10 “(C) Completing grade 12 in compliance with the requirements of ORS
11 339.035; **or**
12 **“(D) Completing grade 12 at a private or parochial school, as de-**
13 **scribed in ORS 339.030 (1)(a);**
14 “(d) Attained the person’s highest level of education as described in par-
15 agraph (c) of this subsection within six months from the date that the person
16 first enrolls in courses described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for the
17 purpose of receiving a grant under this section;
18 “(e) Earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better in high
19 school or otherwise demonstrated an equivalent academic ability, as deter-
20 mined by the office according to rules adopted by the commission;
21 “(f) Completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student
22 Aid for each academic year and accepted all state and federal aid grants
23 available to the person, if eligible to file the application; and
24 “(g) Has not completed either of the following:
25 “(A) More than a total of 90 credit hours, or the equivalent, at a post-
26 secondary institution of education; or
27 “(B) A curriculum, degree or program, as described in paragraph (a)(B)
28 of this subsection.
29 “(4)(a) A person continues to remain eligible to receive a grant under this
30 section if the person, in addition to satisfying the criteria specified in sub-

1 section (3) of this section, meets the following criteria:

2 “(A) Maintains [a] **at least the minimum** cumulative grade point aver-
3 age [*of 2.5 or better during each term for which the person has received a grant*
4 *under this section*] **prescribed by the commission based on federal aid**
5 **grant requirements**;

6 “(B) Makes satisfactory **academic** progress toward a curriculum, degree
7 or program, as described in subsection (3)(a)(B) of this section, as [*deter-*
8 *mined by the office according to rules adopted*] **prescribed** by the commission
9 **based on federal aid grant requirements**; [*and*]

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

14 “(D) **Completes a first-year experience, as identified by the com-**
15 **munity college and reported by the community college to the com-**
16 **mission.**

17 “(b) A person who fails to [*maintain the cumulative grade point average*
18 *specified in paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection*] **meet an eligibility re-**
19 **quirement described in paragraph (a) of this subsection** becomes ineli-
20 gible to receive a grant under this section for the term after which the
21 person fails to [*maintain the cumulative grade point average*] **meet the el-**
22 **igibility requirement**, unless the eligibility requirement [*of paragraph*
23 *(a)(A) of this subsection*] is waived by the office according to rules adopted
24 by the commission.

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

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

3 “(i) \$1,000; and

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

5 “(B) Not more than the lesser of:

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

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

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

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

17 “(6) The total amount in grants awarded under this section by the office
18 may not exceed \$10 million per fiscal year, or any lesser amount available
19 to the office for the purpose of this section. The commission may adopt by
20 rule the priority by which grants are awarded, which may allow for prefer-
21 ence to be given to persons enrolled in school districts or high schools that
22 meet specified criteria.

23 “(7) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the adminis-
24 tration of this section, including any requirements related to:

25 “(a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application for
26 a grant under this section;

27 “(b) Determining whether a person is eligible for a grant under this sec-
28 tion, including whether the person shall be given priority as allowed under
29 subsection (6) of this section;

30 “(c) Implementing programs or policies that improve the academic success

1 or completion rates for persons who receive a grant under this section;

2 “(d) Prescribing eligibility requirements and grant calculations for per-
3 sons dually enrolled in a community college and a public university; and

4 “(e) Evaluating the impact of the program established under this section,
5 including any requirements for reporting data needed for evaluations.

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

10 “(a) Student completion rates of curricula, degrees and programs de-
11 scribed in subsection (3)(a)(B) of this section;

12 “(b) The amount of federal aid grants received by persons who received
13 a grant under this section;

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

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

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

20 **“SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 341.522 by section 1 of this**
21 **2016 Act become operative on July 1, 2016.**

22 **“SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the**
23 **General Fund appropriation made to the Emergency Board by section**
24 **5 (1), chapter 781, Oregon Laws 2015, for the biennium beginning July**
25 **1, 2015, is decreased by \$2,500,000.**

26 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission**
27 **shall distribute moneys to every community college for the purpose**
28 **of providing support services for persons who enroll in courses offered**
29 **at a community college in this state within one year of attaining the**
30 **highest level of education described in ORS 341.522 (3)(c) or who re-**

1 receive a grant under ORS 341.522. Moneys must be distributed equitably
2 among the community colleges.

3 “(2) A community college must use moneys received under this
4 section to provide support services at each campus of the community
5 college. The support services must implement proven multiyear strat-
6 egies that incorporate elements of student services and faculty and
7 staff development to improve academic success or completion rates,
8 including:

9 “(a) A first-year experience for persons described in subsection (1)
10 of this section that is provided through a series of intentional, strate-
11 gic interventions.

12 “(b) A student success team to serve persons described in sub-
13 section (1) of this section.

14 “(c) Professional development for community college faculty and
15 staff to enable the faculty and staff to provide intentional, strategic
16 interventions to persons described in subsection (1) of this section.

17 “(3)(a) No later than November 31, 2016, each community college
18 shall report to the commission regarding the use of the moneys re-
19 ceived under this section.

20 “(b) No later than December 31, 2016, the commission shall submit
21 to the interim legislative committees related to education a report
22 that summarizes the distributions made under this section and the
23 information received under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

24 “SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2016 Act is repealed on January 2,
25 2017.

26 “SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
27 ation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating
28 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the Gen-
29 eral Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000, which may be expended for mak-
30 ing the distributions described in section 4 of this 2016 Act.

1 **“SECTION 7. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate**
2 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
3 **declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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