

House Bill 3335

Sponsored by Representative HACK; Representatives DOHERTY, ESQUIVEL, KENNEMER, LEWIS, REARDON, VIAL, WHISNANT

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**.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop plan for enabling community colleges to offer associate's degree completed in coordination with credits earned in apprenticeship or training program.

Requires commission to submit report detailing plan by December 1, 2018.

Sunsets January 2, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to associate's degrees; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall develop a plan for**
5 **enabling community colleges to offer an associate's degree that is completed in coordination**
6 **with credits earned in an apprenticeship or training program that is:**

7 (a) **Four years or greater in length; and**

8 (b) **Registered with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council in conformity with**
9 **ORS 660.002 to 660.210.**

10 (2) **The plan developed under subsection (1) of this section shall:**

11 (a) **Ensure that participation in an apprenticeship or training program will satisfy any**
12 **mathematics requirement necessary to obtain an associate's degree;**

13 (b) **Set forth the additional general education requirements that are necessary to qualify**
14 **for an associate's degree;**

15 (c) **Ensure that accelerated college credit programs count towards satisfying any addi-**
16 **tional general education requirements identified in paragraph (b) of this subsection; and**

17 (d) **Ensure that participation in the program is made available to individuals who have**
18 **completed an applicable apprenticeship or training program in previous years.**

19 (3) **The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit a report containing the**
20 **plan, along with proposed legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly**
21 **related to higher education no later than December 1, 2018. The report shall also include:**

22 (a) **An analysis of whether any additional accreditation for apprenticeship or training**
23 **programs is necessary to implement the program;**

24 (b) **The resources required to implement the program;**

25 (c) **The timeline necessary to implement the program; and**

26 (d) **A recommendation as to whether the program should be implemented.**

27 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.**

28 **SECTION 3. This 2017 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 2017 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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