

Senate Bill 448

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI (Presession filed.)

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**.

Establishes lower minimum wage for high school students participating in vocational training program. Allows students to earn credit toward community college or public university. Directs State Board of Education to adopt by rule policies, standards and programs for college credit. Requires employer to pay wages to student participating in program into account in Oregon 529 Savings Network. Requires state to match student earnings.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to a wage for high school students who are employed by an employer that provides vocational training; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, community colleges, public universities and interested school districts, by rule shall adopt policies, standards and programs to provide high school students who are employed by an employer that provides vocational training with credit toward a community college or public university degree through an accelerated college credit program or similar program.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 653.025 and except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, for each hour of work time that a student participating in a program described under subsection (1) of this section is gainfully employed, an employer may not employ or agree to employ the student at a rate lower than the applicable rate in effect for employees at the employer's location on July 1, 2016, adjusted as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) No later than April 30 of each year, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall calculate an adjustment of the wage amount described in subsection (2) of this section based upon the increase, if any, from March of the preceding year to March of the year in which the calculation is made in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items as prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or its successor.

(4) An employer located in Josephine or Wasco County that employs a student participating in a program established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall maintain a minimum wage rate that is equal to the rate in effect on July 1, 2016, without adjustment for inflation, until the date on which the rate in Josephine and Wasco Counties is less than or equal to the rate applicable to the nonurban counties listed in section 2, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2016, after which Josephine and Wasco Counties shall maintain a rate equal to the rate applicable to the nonurban counties.

(5)(a) An employer of a student participating in a program established pursuant to sub-

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 section (1) of this section shall pay the student's wages into an individual account established
2 on behalf of the student in accordance with ORS 178.300 to 178.355.

3 (b) The State Board of Education shall deposit an amount equal to the amount of wages
4 paid under paragraph (a) of this subsection into the individual account established on behalf
5 of the student.

6 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated
7 to the State Board of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the
8 General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, for grants to match student earnings as described
9 in section 1 (5)(b) of this 2017 Act.

10 **SECTION 3.** (1) Section 1 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2018.

11 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and take any other action before the
12 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board
13 to exercise all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the director by section 1 of
14 this 2017 Act.

15 **SECTION 4.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
17 on July 1, 2017.

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