

A-Engrossed House Bill 4035

Ordered by the House February 15
Including House Amendments dated February 15

Sponsored by Representatives MCLANE, WHISNANT; Representatives BARKER, HELFRICH, LEWIS, NEARMAN, NOBLE, RESCHKE, SMITH DB, SOLLMAN (Pre-session 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.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide tuition assistance for qualified members of Oregon National Guard to attend community colleges or public universities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to tuition assistance for members of the Oregon National Guard; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2018 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 348.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) **“Community college” means a community college operated under ORS chapter 341.**

8 (b) **“Good standing” means the qualified student has a cumulative grade point average**
9 **of 2.0 or higher at the community college or public university listed in ORS 352.002 at which**
10 **the student is enrolled.**

11 (c) **“Qualified student” means a student who:**

12 (A) **Has not achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any post-secondary institu-**
13 **tion;**

14 (B) **Is enrolled and in good standing in an:**

15 (i) **Associate degree granting program at a community college; or**

16 (ii) **Undergraduate baccalaureate degree granting program at a public university listed in**
17 **ORS 352.002;**

18 (C) **Is a member of the Oregon National Guard; and**

19 (D) **Has completed basic training with the Oregon National Guard or a National Guard**
20 **of any other state or territory.**

21 (2) **In addition to any other scholarships or financial assistance provided by law, the**
22 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall provide tuition assistance to qualified stu-**
23 **dents for up to:**

24 (a) **90 credit hours at a community college; or**

25 (b) **180 credit hours at a public university listed in ORS 352.002.**

26 (3) **Tuition assistance provided under this section, when combined with any other schol-**
27 **arships or financial assistance received by the qualified student, must pay for 100 percent**

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 of the resident tuition charges at the community college or public university listed in ORS
2 352.002 at which the qualified student is enrolled.

3 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
4 ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,
5 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for tuition
6 assistance described in section 2 of this 2018 Act.

7 **SECTION 4.** This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
8 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect
9 on its passage.

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