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 provide tuition assistance for qualified members of Oregon National Guard to attend community colleges or public universities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to tuition assistance for members of the Oregon National Guard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Has not achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any post-secondary institution;

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

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

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

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

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

(2) In addition to any other scholarships or financial assistance provided by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall provide tuition assistance to qualified students for up to:

(a) 70 credit hours at a community college; or

(b) 120 credit hours at a public university listed in ORS 352.002.

(3) Tuition assistance provided under this section must pay for 100 percent of the resident tuition charges at the community college or public university listed in ORS 352.002 at which the qualified student is enrolled.

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.

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