

House Bill 4043

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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 community colleges to jointly conduct study to determine best methods for helping community college students learn about and apply for benefits.

Requires community colleges to submit report on study no later than February 1, 2019.

Sunsets January 2, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to benefits for community college students; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "community college" has the meaning given that term in ORS 341.005.

(2) Community colleges in this state shall jointly conduct a study to determine the best method or methods for helping community college students:

(a) Learn about state or federal programs that offer financial or other benefits to community college students; and

(b) Apply for benefits described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(3) In conducting the study required under subsection (2) of this section, community colleges shall convene relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to:

(a) A representative from the Office of the Governor; and

(b) At least one representative from an agency that distributes or provides benefits described in subsection (2)(a) of this section.

(4) The community colleges shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, detailing the findings of the study required under subsection (2) of this section, to the interim legislative committees on higher education no later than February 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2018 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.

SECTION 3. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.