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SUMMARY

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish common course numbering system for all introductory and lower level courses offered at public post-secondary institutions of education. Requires all public post-secondary institutions of education to adopt system and accept transfers of academic credit earned at other public post-secondary institutions of education.

Requires commission to confer with administrators, faculty and students on how to best create common course numbering system and to report annually to Legislative Assembly on progress made towards creating system. Requires system to be fully implemented no later than September 1, 2024.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the transfer of academic credit.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding ORS 352.087 or any other provision of law, each public post-secondary institution of education in this state shall:

(1) Adopt a common course numbering system, established by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by rule, for introductory and other lower division courses that are taught at public post-secondary institutions of education in this state.

(2) Accept a transfer of academic credit for each course that is subject to the system described in subsection (1) of this section as if the academic credit was earned at the institution that is accepting the transfer of academic credit with respect to:

(a) The total amount of academic credit awarded;

1 (b) Satisfying any core academic requirements required for gradu-
2 ation; and

3 (c) Satisfying any requirements for a major in a baccalaureate or
4 associate degree program.

5 SECTION 2. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission
6 shall consult with administrators, faculty and students representing
7 public post-secondary institutions of education in this state on how to
8 best establish the common course numbering system described in
9 section 1 of this 2021 Act.

10 (2) The commission shall report to the committees of the Legisla-
11 tive Assembly responsible for higher education on the progress being
12 made towards establishing the common course numbering system no
13 later than September 1 of each year.

14 SECTION 3. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission
15 shall by rule establish the common course numbering system described
16 in section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than July 1, 2024.

17 (2) Each public post-secondary institution of education in this state
18 shall be in compliance with section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than
19 September 1, 2024.

20 SECTION 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2021 Act are repealed on Jan-
21 uary 2, 2026.