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## SUMMARY

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop standards for partnership based in high school for purpose of providing dual credit program.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to standards for partnerships for dual credit programs; amending ORS 340.310.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 340.310 is amended to read:

340.310. (1) **As used in this section, “dual credit programs” includes dual credit programs, sponsored dual credit programs and assessment-based learning credit programs, as those terms are defined by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by rule.**

*[(1)]* **(2)(a)** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall develop statewide standards for dual credit programs to be implemented by public high schools, community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

**(b)** The standards **developed under this subsection** must establish the manner by which:

*[(a)]* **(A)** A student in any grade from 9 through 12 may, upon completion of a course, earn course credit both for high school and for a community college or public university; and

*[(b)]* **(B)** Teachers of courses that are part of a dual credit program will work together to determine the quality of the program and to ensure the

1 alignment of the content, objectives and outcomes of individual courses.

2 **(c) The standards developed under this subsection must establish**  
3 **the manner by which the Higher Education Coordinating Commission**  
4 **will approve or conditionally approve a partnership based in a high**  
5 **school for the purpose of providing a dual credit program. A partner-**  
6 **ship may be with a community college or a public university listed in**  
7 **ORS 352.002.**

8 [(2)] (3) Each public high school, community college and public university  
9 that provides a dual credit program must implement the statewide standards  
10 developed under subsection [(1)] (2) of this section.

11 **(4) A community college or a public university listed in ORS 352.002**  
12 **that enrolls students with college credit earned through a partnership**  
13 **approved as provided by subsection (2)(c) of this section shall accept**  
14 **credits earned by students as follows:**

15 **(a) As though the credit were earned on the campus of the com-**  
16 **munity college or public university that awarded the credit, without**  
17 **loss of academic credit or change in the nature of the credit;**

18 **(b) Without the requirement that a course be retaken at a com-**  
19 **munity college in this state or a public university listed in ORS 352.002**  
20 **if the course was successfully completed by the student; and**

21 **(c) Without the requirement that the student take an assessment**  
22 **to prove knowledge of the material from the course.**

23 [(3)] (5) Each school district, community college and public university  
24 that provides a dual credit program shall submit an annual report to the  
25 Higher Education Coordinating Commission on the academic performance  
26 of students enrolled in a dual credit program. The Higher Education Coor-  
27 dinating Commission shall establish the required contents of the report,  
28 which must provide sufficient information to allow the commission to deter-  
29 mine the quality of the dual credit program.

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