

House Bill 2263

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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**.

Directs Department of Education, in collaboration with Higher Education Coordinating Commission, to administer Accelerated College Credit Planning Partnership Grant Program to encourage partnerships between school districts and post-secondary institutions of education to offer accelerated college credit programs.

Directs Department of Education, in collaboration with Higher Education Coordinating Commission, to administer Accelerated College Credit Partnership Enhancement Grant Program for purpose of enhancing accelerated college credit programs and partnerships.

Directs Department of Education, in collaboration with Higher Education Coordinating Commission, to administer Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program for purpose of providing education or training to teachers who will provide or are providing instruction in accelerated college credit programs.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to study current and best practices to recommend range of content area graduate courses to meet dual credit program instructor qualifications.

Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to consult with educator preparation program providers to determine whether providers should provide accelerated learning specialization.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to accelerated college credit programs; creating new provisions; amending ORS 340.320 and
3 340.330; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. As used in ORS 340.320 and sections 2 and 3 of this 2019 Act, "accelerated**
6 **college credit programs" includes dual credit programs, two-plus-two programs, advanced**
7 **placement programs and International Baccalaureate programs.**

8 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Higher Education**
9 **Coordinating Commission, shall administer the Accelerated College Credit Planning Part-**
10 **nership Grant Program as provided by this section.**

11 **(2) Grants shall be distributed under this section for the purpose of encouraging part-**
12 **nerships, formed for offering accelerated college credit programs, between:**

13 **(a) A school district, a consortium of school districts or an education service district; and**

14 **(b) A post-secondary institution of education or a consortium of post-secondary insti-**
15 **tutions of education.**

16 **(3) A school district, a consortium of school districts or an education service district may**
17 **apply to the department for a grant under this section if the school district, or at least one**
18 **of the school districts in a consortium of school districts or an education service district,**
19 **has:**

20 **(a)(A) Less than five percent of the school district's high school students participating**
21 **in an accelerated college credit program; or**

22 **(B) A low percentage of the school district's historically underrepresented students at-**

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 tending a post-secondary institution of education;

2 (b) A plan to offer accelerated college credit program courses that:

3 (A) Have been previously unavailable through the school district;

4 (B) Conform with standards established for accelerated college credit program courses
5 as described in subsection (6) of this section; and

6 (C) Align with statewide requirements for transferable courses or reflect local needs for
7 a career and technical education program; and

8 (c) A partnership agreement with a post-secondary institution of education or a consor-
9 tium of post-secondary institutions of education to offer accelerated college credit program
10 courses as described in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

11 (4) A school district, a consortium of school districts or an education service district that
12 receives a grant under this section may use moneys from the grant to:

13 (a) Distribute information to students and families about opportunities related to accel-
14 erated college credit programs, including implications for financial aid, costs to families and
15 credit transferability;

16 (b) Provide academic advising to students taking an accelerated college credit program
17 course;

18 (c) Promote a culture that encourages students to continue education at a post-
19 secondary institution of education;

20 (d) Develop courses offered as part of an accelerated college credit program and ensure
21 horizontal and vertical curriculum alignment;

22 (e) Hire staff to provide instruction of courses that are part of an accelerated college
23 credit program and any other staff necessary to provide support for the accelerated college
24 credit program;

25 (f) Encourage collaboration between teachers and staff at high schools and faculty at
26 post-secondary institutions of education for accelerated college credit programs;

27 (g) Coordinate regional offerings of accelerated college credit programs to create coher-
28 ence across this state;

29 (h) Leverage emerging best practices;

30 (i) Purchase books and materials and pay for other costs, other than test fees, related
31 to accelerated college credit programs; and

32 (j) Provide classroom supplies for accelerated college credit programs.

33 (5) Grants shall be awarded under this section based on rules of the State Board of Ed-
34 ucation.

35 (6) Accelerated college credit program courses funded by a grant distributed under this
36 section must comply with any standards developed to ensure that credits earned for the
37 course transfer to any public post-secondary institution of education in this state as if the
38 credits were earned at that institution.

39 (7)(a) For the purposes of grants distributed under this section, the department may ac-
40 cept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and its
41 agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the
42 funds not inconsistent with the purposes of this section; and

43 (b) All funds received by the department under this section shall be paid into the Accel-
44 erated College Credit Account established under ORS 340.330 for the purposes described in
45 this section.

1 (8) No later than December 1 of each year, the department shall submit a report on the
 2 issuance of grants under this section to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly
 3 related to education.

4 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Higher Education
 5 Coordinating Commission, shall administer the Accelerated College Credit Partnership En-
 6 hancement Grant Program as provided by this section.

7 (2) Grants shall be distributed under this section for the purpose of enhancing acceler-
 8 ated college credit programs and partnerships.

9 (3) A school district, a post-secondary institution of education or a consortium of post-
 10 secondary institutions of education may apply to the department for a grant under this sec-
 11 tion.

12 (4) A school district, a post-secondary institution of education or a consortium of post-
 13 secondary institutions of education that receives a grant under this section may use moneys
 14 from the grant to:

15 (a) Establish equitable and sustainable funding for accelerated college credit programs;

16 (b) Encourage collaboration between teachers and staff at high schools and faculty at
 17 post-secondary institutions of education for accelerated college credit programs;

18 (c) Ensure information is distributed to students and families about opportunities related
 19 to accelerated college credit programs, including implications for financial aid, costs to
 20 families and credit transferability; and

21 (d) Coordinate accelerated college credit program within and across regions of this state.

22 (5) Grants shall be awarded under this section based on rules of the State Board of Ed-
 23 ucation and shall take into account:

24 (a) The previous school year's student enrollment in accelerated college credit program
 25 courses; and

26 (b) Credits earned by historically underrepresented students in post-secondary insti-
 27 tutions of education during the previous school year.

28 (6)(a) For the purposes of grants distributed under this section, the department may ac-
 29 cept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and its
 30 agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the
 31 funds not inconsistent with the purposes of this section; and

32 (b) All funds received by the department under this section shall be paid into the Accel-
 33 erated College Credit Account established under ORS 340.330 for the purposes described in
 34 this section.

35 (7) No later than December 1 of each year, the department shall submit a report on the
 36 issuance of grants under this section to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly
 37 related to education.

38 **SECTION 4.** ORS 340.320 is amended to read:

39 340.320. [(1) As used in this section, "accelerated college credit programs" includes dual credit
 40 programs, two-plus-two programs, advanced placement programs and International Baccalaureate pro-
 41 grams.]

42 [(2) The Department of Education shall administer a grant program that provides grants for the
 43 purposes of:]

44 [(a) Providing education or training to teachers who will provide or are providing instruction in
 45 accelerated college credit programs;]

1 *[(b) Assisting students in paying for books, materials and other costs, other than test fees, related*
 2 *to accelerated college credit programs; and]*

3 *[(c) Providing classroom supplies for accelerated college credit programs.]*

4 **(1) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Higher Education Coordinat-**
 5 **ing Commission, shall administer the Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program**
 6 **as provided by this section.**

7 **(2) Grants shall be distributed under this section for the purpose of providing education**
 8 **or training to teachers who will provide or are providing instruction in accelerated college**
 9 **credit programs.**

10 (3) Any school district, **education service district**, community college district or [*state institu-*
 11 *tion of higher education*] **public post-secondary institution of education** in this state may indi-
 12 vidually or jointly apply for a grant under this section.

13 *[(4) If a grant is awarded for the purpose of providing education or training to teachers who will*
 14 *provide or are providing instruction in an accelerated college credit program:]*

15 *[(a) The amount of the grant may not exceed one-third of the total cost of the education or training;*
 16 *and]*

17 *[(b) The department may award the grant on the condition that the teacher, school district, com-*
 18 *munity college district and state institution of higher education pay the balance of the cost of the edu-*
 19 *cation or training in a proportion agreed to by the teacher, districts and institution.]*

20 **(4) A school district, an education service district, a community college district or a**
 21 **public post-secondary institution of education may use moneys from the grant to:**

22 **(a) Expand support for school districts, education service districts and public post-**
 23 **secondary institutions of education to provide professional learning opportunities for high**
 24 **school instructors of accelerated college credit program courses;**

25 **(b) Ensure high school teachers have dependable online access to graduate courses**
 26 **meeting community college requirements for dual credit instructors;**

27 **(c) Improve professional relationships among instructors of accelerated college credit**
 28 **programs courses; and**

29 **(d) Develop online graduate courses in content areas identified by the department in**
 30 **collaboration with the commission as needing development.**

31 (5) For the purposes [*described in subsection (2) of*] **of grants distributed under** this section,
 32 the department may:

33 (a) Accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and its
 34 agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the funds
 35 not inconsistent with the purposes of [*subsection (2) of*] this section; and

36 (b) Enter into agreements with school districts, **education service districts**, community college
 37 districts and [*state institutions of higher education*] **public and private post-secondary institutions**
 38 **of education** related to the funding to provide education or training to teachers who will provide
 39 or are providing instruction in an accelerated college credit program.

40 (6) All funds received by the department under this section shall be paid into the Accelerated
 41 College Credit Account established under ORS 340.330 to be used for the purposes described in
 42 [*subsection (2) of*] this section.

43 **(7) No later than December 1 of each year, the department shall submit a report on the**
 44 **issuance of grants under this section to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly**
 45 **related to education.**

1 **SECTION 5.** ORS 340.330 is amended to read:

2 340.330. The Accelerated College Credit Account is established in the State Treasury, separate
3 and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Accelerated College Credit Account shall
4 be credited to the account. Moneys in the Accelerated College Credit Account are continuously
5 appropriated to the Department of Education for the purposes described in ORS 340.320 [(2)] **and**
6 **sections 2 and 3 of this 2019 Act.**

7 **SECTION 6.** For the 2019-2021 biennium, the Department of Education shall provide
8 **grants under the Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program to:**

9 (1) **School districts and education service districts for tuition costs of up to 65 high**
10 **school instructors to become qualified as instructors of accelerated college credit program**
11 **courses; and**

12 (2) **Institutions of post-secondary education for at least six content areas for graduate**
13 **course offerings.**

14 **SECTION 7.** (1) **The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in collaboration with**
15 **post-secondary institutions of education, shall study current and best practices to recom-**
16 **mend a range of content areas of graduate courses to meet dual credit program qualifica-**
17 **tions in this state.**

18 (2) **The commission shall submit a report on the study to an interim committee of the**
19 **Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020.**

20 **SECTION 8.** (1) **The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall consult with ed-**
21 **ucator preparation program providers to determine whether providers should provide an ac-**
22 **celerated learning specialization.**

23 (2) **The commission shall submit a report on the study to an interim committee of the**
24 **Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020.**

25 **SECTION 9.** **This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
26 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
27 **on its passage.**

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