

House Bill 2817

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

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**.

Expands higher education tuition grants offered to qualified members of Oregon National Guard by permitting grant to be used for undergraduate degree program at qualifying private post-secondary institutions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to grants for members of the Oregon National Guard; creating new provisions; and
3 amending section 2, chapter 53, Oregon Laws 2018.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 53, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 2.** (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Community college" means a community college operated under ORS chapter 341.

8 (b) "Good standing" means the qualified student has a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or
9 higher at the community college, [*or*] public university listed in ORS 352.002 **or qualifying private**
10 **institution** at which the student is enrolled.

11 (c) "Qualified student" means a student who:

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

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

14 (i) Associate degree granting program at a community college; [*or*]

15 (ii) Undergraduate baccalaureate degree granting program at a public university listed in ORS
16 352.002; **or**

17 **(iii) Undergraduate baccalaureate degree granting program at a qualifying private insti-**
18 **tution;**

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

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

22 (E) Has completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each aca-
23 demic year, if eligible to file the application; and

24 (F) Has accepted all state and federal aid grants available to the student, including but not
25 limited to federal grants offered by the United States Department of Education and the United
26 States Department of Defense.

27 **(d) "Qualifying private institution" means a private post-secondary institution that meets**
28 **the criteria set forth in ORS 348.597 (2).**

29 (2) A qualified student shall receive a grant under this section in an amount that equals, **after**
30 **the amount of resident tuition is reduced by any amounts received by the qualified student**
31 **in state and federal aid grants:**

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 **(a)** The resident tuition charges at the community college [*or public university listed in ORS*
2 *352.002*] at which the qualified student is enrolled[, *after the amount of resident tuition is reduced by*
3 *any amounts received by the qualified student in state and federal aid grants*];

4 **(b)** The resident tuition charges at the public university listed in ORS 352.002 at which
5 the qualified student is enrolled; or

6 **(c)** The average resident tuition charges to attend a public university listed in ORS
7 **352.002 if the qualified student is enrolled at a qualifying private institution.**

8 **(3)** Grants provided under this section shall be awarded to a qualified student for up to:

9 (a) 90 credit hours at a community college; [*or*]

10 (b) 180 credit hours at a public university listed in ORS 352.002; **or**

11 **(c) 180 credit hours at a qualifying private institution.**

12 [(3)] **(4)** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the
13 administration of this section, including but not limited to any requirements related to:

14 (a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application for a grant under this section;

15 (b) Determining whether a person is eligible for a grant under this section; and

16 (c) Prescribing grant calculations for qualified students dually enrolled in a community college,
17 [*and*] a public university **or a qualifying private institution.**

18 **SECTION 2. The amendments to section 2, chapter 53, Oregon Laws 2018, by section 1**
19 **of this 2019 Act first apply to tuition assistance provided for the 2020-2021 academic year.**

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