A-Bill for an Act

Relating to foster youth success centers; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “Foster Youth Promise student” means a student enrolled in community college or a public university listed in ORS 352.002 who is entitled to a tuition waiver under ORS 350.300.

(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall convene a representative group of community college and public university stakeholders in order to facilitate the establishment of foster youth success centers in each public university.

(3) Foster youth success centers established pursuant to this section shall:

(a) Develop and implement peer support programs for Foster Youth Promise students;

(b) Provide outreach and mentoring to advise foster youth who are attending high school about their educational options; and

(c) Develop and implement additional support programs to promote the success of Foster Youth Promise students.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “Foster Youth Promise student” means a student enrolled in community college or a public university listed in ORS 352.002 who is entitled to a tuition waiver under ORS 350.300.

(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that providing Foster Youth Promise students who are attending public universities with support programs as provided in section 1 of this 2019 Act will:

(a) Ensure that Foster Youth Promise students succeed in their educational endeavors;

(b) Positively impact the educational and career prospects of current and future Foster
Youth Promise students; and

(c) Strengthen the efficacy of the tuition waiver provided to foster youth and former foster youth under ORS 350.300.

(3) The factors described in subsection (2) of this section will encourage and promote economic development within the State of Oregon, and the establishment of foster youth success centers is therefore an appropriate use of state lottery funds under Article XV, section 4, of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.510.

(4) There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund, to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the amount of $_____ for deposit in the Foster Youth Success Center Fund established under section 3 of this 2019 Act, to be used for the purposes described in section 3 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) The Foster Youth Success Center Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The moneys in the Foster Youth Success Center Fund and the interest earnings on moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. The fund consists of moneys deposited into the fund under section 2 of this 2019 Act and may include other fees, revenues or other income transferred into the fund by the Legislative Assembly for payment of costs incurred to establish the Foster Youth Success Center Fund.

(2) Moneys in the fund are available for immediate distribution to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to pay the costs incurred to fund foster youth success centers described in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.