

Senate Bill 159

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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 Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish foster youth success centers in each public university.

Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds to finance cost of developing foster youth success centers in public universities. Establishes Foster Youth Success Center Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to commission. Directs commission to use moneys in fund to finance development of foster youth success centers to assist foster youth attending public universities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to foster youth success centers; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

7 **(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in coordination with community**
8 **colleges and public universities, shall establish foster youth success centers in each public**
9 **university.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **(3) The factors described in subsection (2) of this section will encourage and promote**

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 economic development within the State of Oregon, and issuance of lottery bonds to finance
2 the establishment of foster youth success centers is therefore an appropriate use of state
3 lottery funds under Article XV, section 4, of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.510.

4 (4) At the request of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the State Treasurer
5 is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 for the biennium
6 beginning July 1, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$___ million for the purpose described in
7 subsection (5) of this section, plus an additional amount, to be estimated by the State
8 Treasurer, for payment of bond-related costs incurred by the commission and the State
9 Treasurer.

10 (5) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section must be deposited into
11 the Foster Youth Success Center Fund established under section 3 of this 2019 Act in an
12 amount sufficient to provide \$__ million in net proceeds and interest earnings for disburse-
13 ment to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to fund foster youth success centers
14 described in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

15 (6) Bond-related costs incurred by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and
16 the State Treasurer for the lottery bonds authorized by this section must be paid from the
17 gross proceeds of the lottery bonds and from allocations for purposes of ORS 286A.576 (1)(c).

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

26 (2) Moneys in the fund are available for immediate distribution to the Higher Education
27 Coordinating Commission to:

28 (a) Pay the costs incurred to fund foster youth success centers described in section 1 of
29 this 2019 Act.

30 (b) Pay bond-related costs, as defined in ORS 286A.560.

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

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