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## SUMMARY

Directs Department of Corrections and Higher Education Coordinating Commission to enter into memorandum of understanding regarding correctional education system.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the correctional education system; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the correctional education system.**

**(2) A memorandum of understanding entered into under this section shall contain, but is not limited to, provisions relating to:**

**(a) Sharing data between agencies;**

**(b) Providing clarity regarding the education programs that provide college credit, a college degree, a college certification, an industry-recognized certification or license or an apprenticeship that are available to adults in custody;**

**(c) Developing a policy on the availability of distance learning for adults in custody;**

**(d) Developing a method for aiding adults in custody with the process of applying for federal financial aid; and**

**(e) Any other policy or program necessary to comply with federal regulations related to educating adults in custody.**

**(3) Each year the Department of Corrections and the Higher Edu-**

1 **cation Coordinating Commission shall jointly review and update the**  
2 **memorandum of understanding.**

3 **(4) As used in this section:**

4 **(a) “Adult in custody” means a person incarcerated or detained in**  
5 **a correctional facility who is accused of, convicted of or sentenced for**  
6 **a violation of criminal law or for the violation of the terms and con-**  
7 **ditions of pretrial release, probation, parole, post-prison supervision**  
8 **or a diversion program.**

9 **(b) “Correctional facility” means a Department of Corrections in-**  
10 **stitution or a jail.**

11 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**  
12 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**  
13 **clared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.**