SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1572
By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “350.253” and insert “329.756”.
Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 6 and insert:

“SECTION 1. ORS 329.756 is amended to read:

“329.756. (1) As used in this section:

“(a) 'Education employer' means a public charter school, a school district, a community college operated under ORS chapter 341, a public university listed in ORS 352.002, a tribal college, a community college or university, as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1059(c)(3), as in effect on September 25, 2021, and any other governmental agency within this state that employs a faculty member who teaches, teacher or a school nurse, as defined in ORS 336.204, in a full-time capacity which, for the purposes of this paragraph, means including within the calculation of full-time equivalent work hours every hour in which the teacher or school nurse engages in instruction and at least 3.35 additional hours for each hour of instruction.

“(b) 'Public service loan forgiveness program' means the program under which the United States Secretary of Education cancels the balance of interest and principal due on eligible federal direct loans in accordance with the criteria specified under 20 U.S.C. 1087e(m) and 34 C.F.R. 685.219, both as in effect on September 25, 2021.

“(2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, for community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341 and public universities listed in ORS 352.002:

“(A) A faculty member who teaches is considered to be employed in a full-time capacity if the faculty member engages in 30 or more full-time equivalent work hours per week; and

“(B) In calculating the number of full-time equivalent work hours engaged in per week by a faculty member who teaches:

“(i) Each hour assigned to the faculty member as an hour of lecture time or as an hour of classroom time constitutes 4.35 full-time equivalent work hours; and

“(ii) Each hour that a faculty member who teaches is compensated for other than hours described in sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph constitutes 1.0 full-time equivalent work hours.

“(b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341 or a public university listed in ORS 352.002 may provide by collective bargaining to increase the multiplier used to calculate full-time equivalent work hours under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection.

“[(2)(a)] (3)(a) An education employer shall provide all employees who qualify for a public service loan forgiveness program with materials and assistance that:

“(A) Increases awareness of the public service loan forgiveness program among eligible employees of the education employer; and
“(B) Increases participation by employees in the public service loan forgiveness program.

“(b) Materials described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may include, but are not limited to:

“(A) Announcements and advertisements in an education employer’s official publications and in any electronic mail or social media messages the education employer sends to employees;

“(B) Inserts or other messages in employee paychecks or payment instruments, to the extent practicable; or

“(C) Other periodic reminders in communications to employees.

“(c) An education employer shall direct an employee, as part of the employee’s official duties, to become familiar with eligibility requirements, application procedures and other information about the public service loan forgiveness program and to provide assistance to other employees who request assistance with determining the employees’ eligibility for and applications to the public service loan forgiveness program.

“SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 329.756 by section 1 of this 2022 Act apply to community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341 and public universities listed in ORS 352.002, on and after September 25, 2021.

“(2) The calculation used to determine whether a faculty member who teaches at a community college operated under ORS chapter 341 or public university listed in ORS 352.002 is employed in a full-time capacity that is set forth in ORS 329.756 as amended by section 1 of this 2022 Act is ratified and approved for the purpose of determining whether a faculty member who taught at a community college or public university during the period between September 25, 2021, and the effective date of this 2022 Act was employed by the community college or public university in a full-time capacity.

“SECTION 3. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.”.