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Senate Bill 609

Ordered by the Senate June 6
Including Senate Amendments dated March 31 and June 6

Sponsored by Senator CAMPOS, Representative NERON; Senators DEMBROW, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, GOLDEN, GORSEK, MANNING JR, WOODS, Representatives CHAICHI, DEXTER, EVANS, GAMBA, HIEB, HUDSON, NELSON, PHAM K (Presession filed.)

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.

Directs Department of Human Services to consider hours worked as graduate assistant as hours worked in employment for purpose of meeting work requirements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to students' eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 411.806.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 411.806 to 411.845.

SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services shall consider hours worked as a graduate assistant as hours worked in employment for the purpose of meeting employment and training or other work requirements in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

SECTION 3. ORS 411.806 is amended to read:

411.806. As used in ORS 411.806 to 411.845, unless the context or a specially applicable statutory definition requires otherwise:

(1) “Administrative costs” means, but is not limited to, costs in connection with:

(a) Distributing supplemental nutrition assistance to recipients under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(b) The compensation of personnel while employed in carrying out ORS 411.806 to 411.845; and

(c) Reimbursement of the federal government for any loss described in ORS 411.830.

(2) “Graduate assistant” means an extern or a graduate student or fellow at an institution of higher education who is paid to work in teaching, administration or research while the student completes the academic requirements for an advanced degree at the institution.

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.

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“Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program” means a program under which the federal
government makes aid available to the state or its agencies for distribution through electronic
benefits transfer or by check to individuals and households certified to be in economic need of and
eligible to receive such aid for the purchase of food from retail food outlets.

SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2023 Act and the amendments to ORS 411.806 by section 3
of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation
made to the Department of Human Services by section 1 (8), chapter ______, Oregon Laws
2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5026), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for Oregon Eligibility
Partnership, is increased by $105,600 for information technology system changes required to
carry out the provisions of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the limitation on
expenditures established by section 3 (8), chapter ______, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House
Bill 5026), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of ex-
penses from federal funds, excluding federal funds described in section 2, chapter ______,
Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5026), collected or received by the Department of
Human Services, for Oregon Eligibility Partnership, is increased by $158,400 for information
technology system changes required to carry out the provisions of this 2023 Act.