

Senate Bill 1032

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (at the request of Oregon Military Department)

SUMMARY

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Establishes higher education grant program for qualified dependents of current Oregon National Guard members who are eligible to continue to serve in Oregon National Guard for at least six additional years.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to student financial aid for dependents of Oregon National Guard members.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Community college” means a community college operated under ORS chapter 341.**

6 (b) **“Eligible member of the Oregon National Guard” means an individual who:**

7 (A) **Is an active member of the Oregon National Guard and has completed at least six**
8 **years of service with the Oregon National Guard;**

9 (B) **Is a full-time resident of this state; and**

10 (C) **Is considered eligible to continue to serve in the Oregon National Guard for six or**
11 **more years after designating a qualified student or a future qualified student to receive a**
12 **grant under this section, under a process established by the Higher Education Coordinating**
13 **Commission following consultation with the Oregon National Guard.**

14 (c) **“Future qualified student” means an individual who meets all requirements necessary**
15 **to be considered a qualified student, except for those set forth in paragraph (f)(B) and (E)**
16 **of this subsection.**

17 (d) **“Good standing” means having a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher in**
18 **a program described in paragraph (f)(B) of this subsection.**

19 (e) **“Qualified dependent” means an individual who is considered a qualified military de-**
20 **pendent of an eligible member of the Oregon National Guard by the United States Depart-**
21 **ment of Defense, as indicated by enrollment in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting**
22 **System (DEERS) or its successor.**

23 (f) **“Qualified student” means a student who:**

24 (A) **Has not achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any post-secondary institu-**
25 **tion;**

26 (B) **Is enrolled and in good standing in:**

27 (i) **An associate degree granting program at a community college;**

28 (ii) **An undergraduate baccalaureate degree granting program at a public university listed**
29 **in ORS 352.002;**

30 (iii) **An undergraduate baccalaureate degree granting program at Oregon Health and**
31 **Science University; or**

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 (iv) A program or curriculum designed to lead to a certificate of completion, as defined
2 by the commission by rule, at a community college, a public university listed in ORS 352.002
3 or Oregon Health and Science University;

4 (C)(i) Is the spouse of an eligible member of the Oregon National Guard; or

5 (ii) Is 26 years of age or younger and the child of an eligible member of the Oregon Na-
6 tional Guard;

7 (D) Is a qualified dependent; and

8 (E) Has completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each
9 academic year, if eligible to file the application.

10 (2) A qualified student who is designated by an eligible member of the Oregon National
11 Guard in the manner set forth in subsection (3) of this section shall receive a grant under
12 this section in an amount that equals the sum of the following:

13 (a)(A) The resident tuition charges at the community college at which the qualified stu-
14 dent is enrolled;

15 (B) The resident tuition charges at the public university listed in ORS 352.002 at which
16 the qualified student is enrolled; or

17 (C) The resident tuition charges at Oregon Health and Science University if the qualified
18 student is enrolled at Oregon Health and Science University;

19 (b) The average amount of fees charged by the type of institution at which the qualified
20 student is enrolled, as determined by the commission; and

21 (c) An allowance for books required for coursework, as determined by the commission.

22 (3) Grants provided under this section shall be awarded to one or more qualified students
23 who are designated by an eligible member of the Oregon National Guard who has agreed to
24 serve in the Oregon National Guard for six or more additional years, in a manner established
25 by rule by the commission. In designating and awarding grants to qualified students under
26 this section:

27 (a) An eligible member of the Oregon National Guard may designate only qualified stu-
28 dents or future qualified students who are considered a qualified dependent of the eligible
29 member;

30 (b) An eligible member of the Oregon National Guard may not designate more than one
31 qualified student to receive a grant during any one academic term;

32 (c) The cumulative amount of grant moneys that may be awarded to one or more quali-
33 fied students or future qualified students designated by a single eligible member of the
34 Oregon National Guard under this section may not exceed the equivalent of a total of four
35 years of resident tuition charges, fees and allowances described in subsection (2) of this
36 section at one or more of the programs described in subsection (1)(f)(B) of this section, as
37 determined by rule by the commission; and

38 (d) An individual who is designated as a future qualified student by an eligible member
39 of the Oregon National Guard under this subsection may not receive a grant under this
40 section until the individual is a qualified student.

41 (4) A qualified student or future qualified student who is designated by a member of the
42 Oregon National Guard under subsection (3) of this section remains eligible to receive a
43 grant under this section after the member of the Oregon National Guard has completed their
44 service if:

45 (a) The member of the Oregon National Guard has completed the full six years of addi-

1 tional service the member agreed to when designating one or more qualified students or fu-
 2 ture qualified students under subsection (3) of this section; and

3 (b) The qualified student or future qualified student receives the grant no later than 10
 4 calendar years after the member of the Oregon National Guard described in paragraph (a)
 5 of this subsection ceases to be an active member of the Oregon National Guard.

6 (5) The commission, in consultation with the Oregon Military Department, shall adopt
 7 any rules necessary for the administration of this section, including but not limited to any
 8 requirements related to:

9 (a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application for a grant under this
 10 section;

11 (b) Determining whether a person is eligible for a grant under this section;

12 (c) Prescribing grant calculations for qualified students dually enrolled at a community
 13 college, a public university or Oregon Health and Science University; and

14 (d) Ensuring that each eligible member of the Oregon National Guard who designates a
 15 qualified student or future qualified student to receive a grant under this section remains
 16 an active member of the Oregon National Guard for the additional six-year period the mem-
 17 ber agreed to serve when designating one or more qualified students or future qualified stu-
 18 dents under subsection (3) of this section.

19 (6) Prior to the start of the fall term of each academic year, the commission shall de-
 20 termine whether moneys available to the commission are sufficient to award a grant under
 21 this section to each qualified student. On the basis of this determination, the commission
 22 may:

23 (a) Limit eligibility to receive a grant under this section to qualified students whose
 24 family contribution, as determined by the commission by rule, is at or below a level that the
 25 commission determines is necessary to allow the commission to operate the grant program
 26 under this section with available moneys; or

27 (b) Reduce or eliminate any limitation on eligibility previously imposed by the commission
 28 under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

29 (7) If at any time the commission determines that moneys available to the commission
 30 are insufficient to provide a grant under this section to each qualified student, the commis-
 31 sion may decrease the total amount of the grant awarded to each recipient.

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