A-Bill for an Act

Relating to the Oregon Promise program; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) For any person who otherwise meets the required criteria to be awarded a grant under ORS 341.522 (3), the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall waive the requirement set forth in ORS 341.522 (3)(d) if that person attained the person's highest level of education as described in ORS 341.522 (3)(c) between March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2022, and did not enroll at any institution of higher education for more than one academic term.

(2) For any person who otherwise meets the required criteria to continue to be awarded a grant under ORS 341.522 (6)(a), the commission shall permit a one-time waiver of the requirement set forth in ORS 341.522 (6)(a)(C) if that person attained the person's highest level of education as described in ORS 341.522 (3)(c) between March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2022, and did not enroll at any institution of higher education for more than one academic term.

(3) A person who receives a waiver from the commission under subsection (1) of this section may not be eligible for a waiver from the commission under subsection (2) of this section.

(4) A waiver under subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall apply to applications for grants considered for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years.

(5) The commission shall apply all other statutes, administrative rules and policies applicable to grants awarded in 2024 and 2025 to any person who receives a waiver under subsection (1) or (2) of this section.
SECTION 2. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.