

House Bill 2841

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act requires that a higher learning school must offer a certain amount of credit hours taught by full-time employees. The Act sets the amount by academic year. The Act tells each school to give HECC certain information. The Act tells HECC to report on the requirement to the legislature each year. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.3).

Requires each community college and public university to have at least 65 percent of the total number of credit hours offered to be taught by full-time employees of the college or university during the 2026-2027 academic year and at least 75 percent of the total number of credit hours offered to be taught by full-time employees every academic year thereafter.

Requires each community college and public university to report annually to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on compliance with the full-time employee requirement. Requires the commission to report annually to the Legislative Assembly on compliance with the full-time employee requirement by each community college and public university.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to instructors at institutions of higher education.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) At least 75 percent of the total number of credit hours offered during**
5 **an academic year by a public institution of higher education must be taught by full-time**
6 **employees of the institution.**

7 **(2) Not later than September 1 of each year, each institution shall provide to the Higher**
8 **Education Coordinating Commission:**

9 **(a) The percentage of the total number of credit hours offered during the previous aca-**
10 **demical year that were taught by full-time employees of the institution; and**

11 **(b) The course names and total number of courses offered for credit hours during the**
12 **previous academic year that were and were not taught by full-time employees of the insti-**
13 **tution.**

14 **(3) The commission shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly not later**
15 **than December 31 of each year, in the manner prescribed by ORS 192.245, reporting on the**
16 **level of compliance with this section by each institution during the previous academic year.**

17 **(4) As used in this section, "public institution of higher education" means:**

18 **(a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002; and**

19 **(b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341.**

20 **SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, section 1 of this 2025**
21 **Act first applies to the 2027-2028 academic year.**

22 **(2) Not later than September 1, 2027, each public institution of higher education shall**
23 **provide the Higher Education Coordinating Commission with the information required under**
24 **section 1 (2) of this 2025 Act.**

25 **(3) Not later than December 31, 2027, the commission shall provide the Legislative As-**

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 **sembly with the report required under section 1 (3) of this 2025 Act.**

2 **(4) As used in this section, “public institution of higher education” has the meaning given**
3 **that term in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

4 **SECTION 3. (1) During the 2026-2027 academic year, at least 65 percent of the total**
5 **number of credit hours offered during an academic year by a public institution of higher**
6 **education must be taught by full-time employees of the institution.**

7 **(2) As used in this section, “public institution of higher education” has the meaning given**
8 **that term in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

9 **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

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