

C-Engrossed
House Bill 2645

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Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BOONE, BUCKLEY, CLEM, DOHERTY, EVANS, FAGAN, FREDERICK, GALLEGOS, GOMBERG, GORSEK, HOYLE, KOMP, LIVELY, MCKEOWN, MCLAIN, NATHANSON, NOSSE, PILUSO, RAYFIELD, READ, REARDON, VEGA PEDERSON, WHISNANT, Senators MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN (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.

Requires public universities to establish priority enrollment system for qualified students who are active members of Armed Forces of the United States, *[or]* **who are qualified veterans or who receive veterans' educational benefits as federally qualified dependents of active members or qualified veterans.**

Requires public universities and community colleges that have established priority enrollment system to provide that qualified students who have completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment have priority over qualified students who have not completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment and persons who are not qualified students and who are registering for first time for enrollment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a priority enrollment system for certain qualified persons.

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

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

5 (a) **"Active member of the Armed Forces of the United States" and "Armed Forces of the**
6 **United States" have the meaning given those terms in ORS 351.642.**

7 (b) **"Community college" has the meaning given that term in ORS 341.005.**

8 (c) **"Qualified student" means a student who:**

9 (A) **Is an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States or served in the**
10 **Armed Forces of the United States;**

11 (B) **If a former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, was relieved or dis-**
12 **charged from that service with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under**
13 **honorable conditions; or**

14 (C) **Is a student who receives veterans' educational benefits as a federally qualified de-**
15 **pendent of a person described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.**

16 (2) **Subject to subsection (4) of this section, a public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall**
17 **establish a priority enrollment system by which a qualified student is prioritized over non-**
18 **qualified students for registration for enrollment at the public university.**

19 (3) **A community college that has established a priority enrollment system is subject to**
20 **subsection (4) of this section.**

21 (4) **A priority enrollment system established pursuant to this section must, at a mini-**
22 **mum, provide that a qualified student who has completed new student orientation require-**

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 **ments for enrollment has priority registration for enrollment over:**

2 **(a) Qualified students who have not completed new student orientation requirements for**
3 **enrollment; and**

4 **(b) Persons who are not qualified students and who are registering for the first time for**
5 **enrollment at a community college or public university listed in ORS 352.002.**

6 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies only to qualified students applying as new**
7 **or continuing students for enrollment at a community college or a public university on or**
8 **after September 15, 2016.**

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