

Senate Bill 81

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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**.

Requires tuition for certain courses offered at community college to be waived if person meets specified criteria.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to waiver of tuition for community college courses; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 341.

SECTION 2. (1) The tuition for courses described in subsection (2) of this section shall be waived for a person who meets the criteria described in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) Tuition shall be waived for a course that is:

(a) Offered at a community college in this state; and

(b) Required for a certificate or associate degree, as determined by rules adopted by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

(3) Tuition shall be waived for courses described in subsection (2) of this section if a person meets the following criteria:

(a) Has been a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to beginning the courses;

(b) Attained the person's highest level of education in this state prior to:

(A) Receiving a diploma under ORS 329.451;

(B) Receiving a General Educational Development (GED) certificate as provided by ORS 351.768; or

(C) Completing grade 12 in compliance with the requirements of ORS 339.035;

(c) Has accepted all state and federal aid grants available to the person; and

(d) Has not earned more than 90 quarter hours, or the equivalent, at a post-secondary institution of education.

(4) The amount of tuition waived as provided by this section shall be the amount the person owes after subtracting:

(a) \$50 to be paid by the person for each course; and

(b) Any amounts received by the person as state and federal aid grants.

(5) Nothing in this section requires a person to be enrolled as a full-time student.

(6) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act first applies to courses enrolled in for the 2015-2016 academic year.

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 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
3 **on July 1, 2015.**

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