

Enrolled
House Bill 2565

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representative EVANS, Senator JOHNSON (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to veterans enrolled in institutions of higher education; amending ORS 350.270.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 350.270 is amended to read:

350.270. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Active member of the Armed Forces of the United States" and "Armed Forces of the United States" have the meaning given those terms in ORS 352.313.

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

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

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

(B) If a former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, was relieved or discharged from that service with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions; or

(C) Is a student who receives veterans' educational benefits as a federally qualified dependent of a person described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

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

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

(4) A priority enrollment system established pursuant to this section must, at a minimum, **offer registration for courses to continuing qualified students before offering registration for courses to nonqualified students within the same classification. Public universities and community colleges must accommodate priority registration for new qualified students as practicable pursuant to institutional orientation requirements.** [*provide that a qualified student who has completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment has priority registration for enrollment over:*]

[(a) Qualified students who have not completed new student orientation requirements for enrollment; and]

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

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