

B-Engrossed House Bill 4035

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Sponsored by Representatives MCLANE, WHISNANT; Representatives BARKER, BARRETO, BOLES, BONHAM, BUEHLER, ESQUIVEL, EVANS, FINDLEY, HAYDEN, HEARD, HELFRICH, KOTEK, LEWIS, LIVELY, NEARMAN, NOBLE, POST, RESCHKE, SMITH DB, SOLLMAN, SPRENGER, STARK, VIAL, WILSON (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 Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide *[tuition assistance for]* **grants** to qualified members of Oregon National Guard to attend community colleges or public universities.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to tuition assistance for members of the Oregon National Guard; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2018 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 348.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) "Community college" means a community college operated under ORS chapter 341.

8 (b) "Good standing" means the qualified student has a cumulative grade point average
9 of 2.0 or higher at the community college or public university listed in ORS 352.002 at which
10 the student is enrolled.

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

12 (A) Has not achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any post-secondary institu-
13 tion;

14 (B) Is enrolled and in good standing in an:

15 (i) Associate degree granting program at a community college; or

16 (ii) Undergraduate baccalaureate degree granting program at a public university listed in
17 ORS 352.002;

18 (C) Is a member of the Oregon National Guard;

19 (D) Has completed basic training with the Oregon National Guard or a National Guard
20 of any other state or territory;

21 (E) Has completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each
22 academic year, if eligible to file the application; and

23 (F) Has accepted all state and federal aid grants available to the student, including but
24 not limited to federal grants offered by the United States Department of Education and the
25 United States Department of Defense.

26 (2) A qualified student shall receive a grant under this section in an amount that equals

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 the resident tuition charges at the community college or public university listed in ORS
2 352.002 at which the qualified student is enrolled, after the amount of resident tuition is re-
3 duced by any amounts received by the qualified student in state and federal aid grants.
4 Grants provided under this section shall be awarded to a qualified student for up to:

5 (a) 90 credit hours at a community college; or

6 (b) 180 credit hours at a public university listed in ORS 352.002.

7 (3) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall adopt any rules necessary for
8 the administration of this section, including but not limited to any requirements related to:

9 (a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application for a grant under this
10 section;

11 (b) Determining whether a person is eligible for a grant under this section; and

12 (c) Prescribing grant calculations for qualified students dually enrolled in a community
13 college and a public university.

14 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2018 Act first applies to grants awarded for the 2018-2019
15 academic year.

16 SECTION 4. (1) There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission,
17 for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000 for
18 the purpose of providing grants for Oregon National Guard members under section 2 of this
19 2018 Act.

20 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to
21 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by section 1 (1), chapter 595, Oregon Laws
22 2017, for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, is increased by \$200,095 for costs related to the
23 grant program established in section 2 of this 2018 Act.

24 SECTION 5. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
25 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect
26 on its passage.