

Enrolled House Bill 2645

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to a priority enrollment system for certain qualified persons.

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

SECTION 1. (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 351.642.

(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 non-qualified 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, 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.

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

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