

**A-Engrossed
House Bill 2645**

Ordered by the House February 12
Including House Amendments dated February 12

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives GALLEGOS, PILUSO, READ (Presession 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 community colleges and public universities to establish priority enrollment system for qualified students who are active members of Armed Forces of the United States or qualified veterans.

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; and**

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.**

14 (2) **Subject to subsection (3) of this section, a community college or a public university**
15 **listed in ORS 352.002 shall establish a priority enrollment system by which a qualified student**
16 **is prioritized over nonqualified students for registration for enrollment at the community**
17 **college or the public university.**

18 (3) **The priority system established pursuant to this section must, at a minimum, provide**
19 **that a qualified student has priority registration for enrollment over persons who are not**
20 **qualified students and who are registering for the first time for enrollment at a community**
21 **college or public university listed in ORS 352.002.**

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

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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