

House Bill 2410

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH; Senator MONNES ANDERSON (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 **as introduced**.

Directs Housing and Community Services Department to develop and implement pilot program to provide certain community college students with affordable housing and services.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community colleges; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

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5 (a) **“Community college” has the meaning given that term in ORS 341.005.**

6 (b) **“High barrier student” means a single individual who:**

7 (A) **Is a parent or has primary physical custody of at least one minor child;**

8 (B) **Has income below 60 percent of the median family income for the county in which**
9 **the individual resides; and**

10 (C) **Is enrolled in, or is scheduled to enroll in, at least 12 credit hours of college-level**
11 **courses offered by a community college.**

12 (2) **The Housing and Community Services Department, working with local housing au-**
13 **thorities and other state agencies, shall establish and implement a pilot program to provide**
14 **affordable housing and services to high barrier students.**

15 (3) **The pilot program is intended to:**

16 (a) **Address the academic, economic and practical barriers that high barrier students face**
17 **in attending community college;**

18 (b) **Provide high barrier students, and their children, with affordable housing during the**
19 **course of their studies; and**

20 (c) **Provide high barrier students with access to services, including medical care, dental**
21 **care, mental health care, behavioral counseling, career counseling and child care, while the**
22 **high barrier students attend community college.**

23 (4) **The department shall, by rule:**

24 (a) **Define “affordable housing” for purposes of the pilot program;**

25 (b) **Establish a process by which the department selects community colleges to partic-**
26 **ipate in the pilot program;**

27 (c) **Develop an application process by which community colleges select high barrier stu-**
28 **dents to receive affordable housing and services as part of the pilot program;**

29 (d) **Establish qualifications and requirements for high barrier students selected to par-**
30 **ticipate in the pilot program; and**

31 (e) **Address any other relevant factors as identified by the department.**

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 **(5) A community college may apply to participate in the pilot program by submitting a**
2 **concept plan to the department. The concept plan must include:**

3 **(a) A summary of the demographics of the community college, including an estimate of**
4 **the number of high barrier students projected to attend the community college from 2019 to**
5 **2025;**

6 **(b) An estimate of the number of high barrier students who would be served by a pilot**
7 **program implemented by the community college;**

8 **(c) A proposal to provide high barrier students with:**

9 **(A) Affordable housing by building, purchasing or renovating a building or by issuing**
10 **housing vouchers; and**

11 **(B) Access to medical care, dental care, mental health care, behavioral counseling, career**
12 **counseling and child care;**

13 **(d) A list of any housing authorities, child care or early childhood education organizations**
14 **or community service organizations with which the community college will partner to im-**
15 **plement the pilot program; and**

16 **(e) Any other information required by the department.**

17 **(6) The department shall implement the pilot program no later than September 1, 2019.**

18 **(7) The department shall report on the progress and efficacy of the pilot program, in the**
19 **manner provided in ORS 192.245, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related**
20 **to higher education no later than October 1, 2025.**

21 **SECTION 2.** **This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
23 **on its passage.**