

HB 2201-2
(LC 2642)
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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (at the request of Representative Rick Lewis and Representative Courtney Neron)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2201**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; creating new pro-
2 visions; and amending ORS 408.090”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program**
5 **is established within the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Under the**
6 **program, the department shall conduct outreach and provide grants**
7 **to veterans who:**

8 **“(a) Are pursuing and enrolled in an approved course of study in**
9 **any program for which United States Department of Veterans Affairs**
10 **education benefits may be used;**

11 **“(b) Are eligible to receive federal financial assistance based on**
12 **prior service in the Armed Forces of the United States; and**

13 **“(c) Are unable to complete a degree program within the expected**
14 **completion period because one or more required courses are not**
15 **available until a later date.**

16 **“(2) Grants under the program:**

17 **“(a) May not exceed \$5,000 per veteran; and**

18 **“(b) May be made only when there are sufficient moneys in the**
19 **Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program Fund established under**
20 **section 2 of this 2019 Act to make the grants.**

21 **“(3) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall adopt rules for the**

1 **implementation and operation of the program, including eligibility re-**
2 **quirements for grant applicants.**

3 **“(4) As used in this section, ‘veteran’ has the meaning given that**
4 **term in ORS 408.225 and includes disabled veterans, as defined in ORS**
5 **408.225.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program**
7 **Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from**
8 **the General Fund. The moneys in the Veteran Educational Bridge**
9 **Grant Program Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department**
10 **of Veterans’ Affairs for the purpose of making grants under the Vet-**
11 **eran Educational Bridge Grant Program established under section 1**
12 **of this 2019 Act and for the payment of actual and necessary expenses**
13 **incurred by the department in administering the fund and establishing**
14 **and maintaining the program.**

15 **“(2) The fund consists of:**

16 **“(a) Moneys appropriated, allocated or deposited to the fund by the**
17 **Legislative Assembly or otherwise;**

18 **“(b) Transfers of moneys to the fund from any source, including**
19 **moneys transferred from the Veterans’ Educational Aid Account de-**
20 **scribed in ORS 408.090; and**

21 **“(c) Moneys from gifts, donations or any other source.**

22 **“SECTION 3. ORS 408.090 is amended to read:**

23 **“408.090. (1) The Director of Veterans’ Affairs, acting on behalf of the**
24 **State of Oregon, is authorized to accept any donation, gift, grant, bequest**
25 **or devise made in furtherance of the purposes of ORS 408.010 to 408.090 and**
26 **section 1 of this 2019 Act[, and if]. A donation, gift, grant, bequest or**
27 **devise that is made in cash or its equivalent or reduced thereto, shall be**
28 **promptly paid by the director to the State Treasurer, who shall credit the**
29 **amount so received to the Veterans’ Educational Aid Account in the General**
30 **Fund. The director shall make such disposition of donations, gifts, grants,**

1 bequests or devises, not made in cash or its equivalent, as is specified by the
2 donor thereof, and their earnings and proceeds shall inure to said account.
3 All such donations, gifts, grants, bequests or devises accepted by the director
4 are transfers exempt from taxes imposed on inheritances under the laws of
5 this state.

6 “(2) All moneys in the Veterans’ Educational Aid Account are contin-
7 uously appropriated to the director and may be used by the director for the
8 purposes authorized in ORS 408.010 to 408.090 **and section 1 of this 2019**
9 **Act.**

10 **“SECTION 4. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1,**
11 **2019, from the Veterans’ Services Fund established under ORS 406.140,**
12 **to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the amount of \$500,000 for**
13 **deposit in the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program Fund es-**
14 **tablished under section 2 of this 2019 Act.**

15 **“SECTION 5. The Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall prepare**
16 **and submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative As-**
17 **sembly related to veterans on or before September 15, 2020, regarding**
18 **the status of the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program estab-**
19 **lished under section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

20 **“SECTION 6. (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2019 Act are repealed on**
21 **January 2, 2022.**

22 **“(2) Any moneys remaining in the Veteran Educational Bridge**
23 **Grant Program Fund established under section 2 of this 2019 Act on**
24 **January 2, 2022, shall be transferred to the Veterans’ Educational Aid**
25 **Account established under ORS 408.090.**

26 **“SECTION 7. ORS 408.090, as amended by section 3 of this 2019 Act, is**
27 **amended to read:**

28 **“408.090. (1) The Director of Veterans’ Affairs, acting on behalf of the**
29 **State of Oregon, is authorized to accept any donation, gift, grant, bequest**
30 **or devise made in furtherance of the purposes of ORS 408.010 to 408.090 [and**

1 *section 1 of this 2019 Act*]. A donation, gift, grant, bequest or devise that is
2 made in cash or its equivalent or reduced thereto, shall be promptly paid by
3 the director to the State Treasurer, who shall credit the amount so received
4 to the Veterans' Educational Aid Account in the General Fund. The director
5 shall make such disposition of donations, gifts, grants, bequests or devises,
6 not made in cash or its equivalent, as is specified by the donor thereof, and
7 their earnings and proceeds shall inure to said account. All such donations,
8 gifts, grants, bequests or devises accepted by the director are transfers ex-
9 empt from taxes imposed on inheritances under the laws of this state.

10 “(2) All moneys in the Veterans' Educational Aid Account are contin-
11 uously appropriated to the director and may be used by the director for the
12 purposes authorized in ORS 408.010 to 408.090 [*and section 1 of this 2019*
13 *Act*].

14 **“SECTION 8. The amendments to ORS 408.090 by section 7 of this**
15 **2019 Act become operative on January 2, 2022.”.**

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