

Senate Bill 233

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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**.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish common course numbering system for all introductory and lower level courses offered at public post-secondary institutions of education. Requires all public post-secondary institutions of education to adopt system and accept transfers of academic credit earned at other public post-secondary institutions of education.

Requires commission to confer with administrators, faculty and students on how to best create common course numbering system and to report annually to Legislative Assembly on progress made towards creating system. Requires system to be fully implemented no later than September 1, 2024.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the transfer of academic credit.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Notwithstanding ORS 352.087 or any other provision of law, each public**
4 **post-secondary institution of education in this state shall:**

5 (1) **Adopt a common course numbering system, established by the Higher Education Co-**
6 **ordinating Commission by rule, for introductory and other lower division courses that are**
7 **taught at public post-secondary institutions of education in this state.**

8 (2) **Accept a transfer of academic credit for each course that is subject to the system**
9 **described in subsection (1) of this section as if the academic credit was earned at the insti-**
10 **tution that is accepting the transfer of academic credit with respect to:**

11 (a) **The total amount of academic credit awarded;**

12 (b) **Satisfying any core academic requirements required for graduation; and**

13 (c) **Satisfying any requirements for a major in a baccalaureate or associate degree pro-**
14 **gram.**

15 **SECTION 2. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall consult with ad-**
16 **ministrators, faculty and students representing public post-secondary institutions of educa-**
17 **tion in this state on how to best establish the common course numbering system described**
18 **in section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

19 (2) **The commission shall report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly respon-**
20 **sible for higher education on the progress being made towards establishing the common**
21 **course numbering system no later than September 1 of each year.**

22 **SECTION 3. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall by rule establish**
23 **the common course numbering system described in section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than**
24 **July 1, 2024.**

25 (2) **Each public post-secondary institution of education in this state shall be in compli-**
26 **ance with section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than September 1, 2024.**
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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. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2026.**

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