

Senate Bill 756

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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 conduct study and develop recommendations on how to establish coordinated, statewide approach to best serve currently incarcerated individuals who are recently eligible to receive student loans under federal program. Requires commission to convene group of listed stakeholders as part of study and development of recommendations.

Requires commission to submit report providing results and recommendations of study to Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2021.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to student loans for incarcerated individuals; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall conduct a study**
5 **and develop recommendations on how to establish a coordinated, statewide approach to best**
6 **serve currently incarcerated individuals who are recently eligible to receive student loans**
7 **under a federal program.**

8 **(2) As part of the study and development of recommendations required under this sec-**
9 **tion, the commission shall convene a group of stakeholders that must include represen-**
10 **tatives of:**

11 **(a) Community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341;**

12 **(b) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002;**

13 **(c) Students enrolled at community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002;**

14 **(d) Faculty employed at community colleges and public universities;**

15 **(e) Advocates for prison education;**

16 **(f) Current and formerly incarcerated individuals; and**

17 **(g) Any other entity that the commission determines would improve the quality of the**
18 **study and recommendations developed under this section.**

19 **(3) The commission shall provide the results and recommendations of the study in a re-**
20 **port that may include recommendations for legislation, in the manner provided in ORS**
21 **192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly responsible for higher edu-**
22 **cation no later than December 31, 2021.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on June 30, 2022.**

24 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
26 **on its passage.**

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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.