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**SUMMARY**

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Directs Department of Corrections and Higher Education Coordinating Commission to enter into memorandum of understanding regarding correctional education system.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to the correctional education system; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the correctional education system.**

**(2) A memorandum of understanding entered into under this section shall contain, but is not limited to, provisions relating to:**

**(a) Sharing data between agencies;**

**(b) Providing clarity regarding the education programs that provide college credit, a college degree, a college certification, an industry-recognized certification or license or an apprenticeship that are available to adults in custody;**

**(c) Developing a policy on the availability of distance learning for adults in custody;**

**(d) Developing a method for aiding adults in custody with the process of applying for federal financial aid; and**

**(e) Any other policy or program necessary to comply with federal regulations related to educating adults in custody.**

**(3) Each year the Department of Corrections and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall jointly review and update the memorandum of understanding.**

**(4) The department and commission shall jointly convene an advisory committee to:**

**(a) Assist in the development of the memorandum of understanding;**

**(b) Periodically review and monitor the implementation of the memorandum of understanding; and**

**(c) Collaborate on the development of additional policies and practices to improve the prison education system in Oregon.**

**(5) The department and commission, after consulting with organizations representing**

**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 **prison educators and organizations representing individuals who are currently adults in**  
2 **custody and individuals who were formerly adults in custody, shall jointly appoint members**  
3 **to the advisory committee. The advisory committee must consist of at least:**

4 (a) **One female and one male adult in custody from one or more prison education pro-**  
5 **grams;**

6 (b) **One individual who is a female and was formerly an adult in custody and one indi-**  
7 **vidual who is a male and was formerly an adult in custody;**

8 (c) **One employee of the Department of Corrections that manages prison education pro-**  
9 **grams;**

10 (d) **One employee of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission who manages prison**  
11 **education programs;**

12 (e) **One employee the Oregon Youth Authority who manages juvenile education programs;**

13 (f) **One college coordinator;**

14 (g) **One professor or instructor at a college or university who provides educational in-**  
15 **struction to adults in custody;**

16 (h) **One professor or instructor at a college or university who provides educational in-**  
17 **struction to individuals who were formerly adults in custody;**

18 (i) **One administrator of a college or university prison education program; and**

19 (j) **One student advisor at a community college or university.**

20 (6) **The department and the commission may jointly appoint additional members to serve**  
21 **on the advisory committee.**

22 (7) **As used in this section:**

23 (a) **“Adult in custody” means a person incarcerated or detained in a correctional facility**  
24 **who is accused of, convicted of or sentenced for a violation of criminal law or for the vio-**  
25 **lation of the terms and conditions of pretrial release, probation, parole, post-prison super-**  
26 **vision or a diversion program.**

27 (b) **“Correctional facility” means a Department of Corrections institution or a jail.**

28 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
30 **on its passage.**

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