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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.

Authorizes community colleges to offer Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees. Details requirements that must be met for Higher Education Coordinating Commission to approve community college request to offer Bachelor of Science in nursing degree program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to degree programs; amending ORS 341.005 and 341.013.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 341.013 is amended to read:

5 341.013. (1) As used in this section[,]:

6 (a) "Applied baccalaureate degree" has the meaning given that term in ORS 348.910.

7 (b) **"Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree" means a post-licensure degree program in**
8 **which individuals who have already received an associate degree in nursing receive a**
9 **bachelor's degree in nursing.**

10 (2) A community college may offer applied baccalaureate degrees **and Bachelor of Science:**
11 **Nursing degrees** under the provisions of this section.

12 (3) For each applied baccalaureate degree program **or Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree**
13 **program** a community college wants to offer to its students, the community college shall submit to
14 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission:

15 (a) A description of the program to be offered;

16 (b) The method by which the program will be created, including any necessary accreditation by
17 the relevant accrediting agency;

18 (c) Documentation of local unmet workforce needs that would be addressed by offering the pro-
19 gram; and

20 (d) Documentation that the community college has the expertise, resources and student interest
21 necessary to make the program successful.

22 (4) A proposed applied baccalaureate degree program **or Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree**
23 **program** must be approved by the commission. The commission shall approve a proposed applied
24 baccalaureate degree program **or Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree program** if:

25 (a) The community college submits all of the information and documentation required under
26 subsection (3) of this section; and

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 (b) The commission determines that the criteria set forth in ORS 350.075 (3)(g) are satisfied.

2 (5) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

3 **SECTION 2.** ORS 341.005 is amended to read:

4 341.005. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

5 (1) "Academic year" means the year beginning July 1 of each year and ending June 30 of the
6 following year running concurrently with the fiscal year.

7 (2) "Board" means the board of education of a community college district.

8 (3) "Board member" means a member of the board of education of a community college district.

9 (4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, "community college" means a
10 public institution operated by a community college district for the purposes of providing courses of
11 study limited to not more than two years' full-time attendance and designed to meet the needs of a
12 geographical area by providing educational services, including but not limited to career and tech-
13 nical education programs or lower division collegiate programs.

14 (b) The two-year limitation described in paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply to:

15 (A) Technical programs in which the curriculum may require more than two years of attendance
16 but less than four years; [*or*]

17 (B) Applied baccalaureate degree programs approved under ORS 341.013; **or**

18 **(C) Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree programs approved under ORS 341.013.**

19 (5) "Community college district" or "district" means a district formed under this chapter to op-
20 erate one or more community colleges or to secure educational services available at a community
21 college. "Community college district" includes a community college service district.

22 (6) "Director" means the Director of the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Develop-
23 ment appointed under ORS 350.160 by the executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating
24 Commission.

25 (7) "Full-time equivalent student" means a student or combination of several students who car-
26 ries or carry among them, within a single academic year, a minimum number of clock hours of in-
27 struction, in any program, to be specified by rule by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

28 (8) "Paying agent and registrar" means the county treasurer or county fiscal officer of the
29 county in which the chief administrative officer of the community college district maintains the ad-
30 ministrative office.

31 (9) "Petitioning territory" means a community college district petitioning to have an area out-
32 side the district included in the district or to have an area inside the district excluded from the
33 district, or an area outside the district petitioning to be included within the district.

34 (10) "Principal county" means the county in which the chief administrative officer of the com-
35 munity college district maintains the administrative office.

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