

Senate Bill 741

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER

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 public institutions of higher education to post course syllabi containing specified information on institution website, accessible to public without need to register or access through user name and password. Requires syllabi to remain posted for at least two-year period. Requires institutions of higher education to report on compliance with requirements to Higher Education Coordinating Commission and committees of Legislative Assembly having oversight over higher education.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to syllabus transparency in education.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "institution of higher education" means:**

5 **(a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002; and**

6 **(b) A community college subject to ORS chapter 341.**

7 **(2) Each institution of higher education shall make available to the public on the**
8 **institution's website a syllabus of each undergraduate course offered for credit by the insti-**
9 **tution that:**

10 **(a) Provides the name of the instructor;**

11 **(b) Provides a brief description of each major course requirement, including each major**
12 **assignment and examination;**

13 **(c) Lists all required or recommended reading; and**

14 **(d) Provides a general description of the subject matter of each lecture or discussion.**

15 **(3) The information required by subsection (2) of this section must be:**

16 **(a) Accessible from the institution of higher education's website home page by use of not**
17 **more than three links;**

18 **(b) Searchable by keywords and key phrases; and**

19 **(c) Accessible to the public without requiring registration or use of a user name, a**
20 **password or other limitation.**

21 **(4) Each institution of higher education shall make the information required by sub-**
22 **section (2) of this section available at least seven days before the first day of class for the**
23 **term for which the course is offered. The institution shall make the information available**
24 **on the institution's website until at least two years after the date on which the institution**
25 **initially posted the information.**

26 **(5) Each institution of higher education shall update the information required by sub-**
27 **section (2) of this section as soon as is practicable after the information changes.**

28 **(6) The governing body of each institution of higher education shall designate an admin-**
29 **istrator to be responsible for ensuring compliance with this section. The administrator may**

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 **assign duties under this subsection to one or more administrative employees.**

2 **(7) Not later than January 1 of each year, each institution of higher education shall**
3 **submit a written report regarding the institution's compliance with this section to the**
4 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission and those committees of the Legislative Assem-**
5 **bly having primary oversight over higher education.**

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