

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 474**

Ordered by the Senate February 25  
Including Senate Amendments dated February 25

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI; Senator MANNING JR (Presession filed.)

**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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates a criminal defense legal clinic. The Act provides funding for the clinic. The Act declares an emergency. The Act becomes law on July 1, 2025. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.7).

Establishes the Criminal Defense Clinical Legal Education Program within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Declares an emergency, effective on July 1, 2025.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to the Criminal Defense Clinical Legal Education Program; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Criminal Defense Clinical Legal Education Program is established in the**  
5 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide training and supervision of court-**  
6 **certified law students to undertake misdemeanor cases.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) The Criminal Defense Clinical Legal Education Program Fund is estab-**  
8 **lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

9 **(2) The fund consists of moneys credited to the fund from moneys appropriated or**  
10 **transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly. Moneys in the fund are continuously**  
11 **appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to be distributed to the law**  
12 **schools in this state for purposes of the program established under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

13 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
14 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
15 **2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$3,579,824, which shall be deposited to the**  
16 **Criminal Defense Clinical Legal Education Program Fund established under section 2 of this**  
17 **2025 Act for purposes of administering the program established under section 1 of this 2025**  
18 **Act.**

19 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
20 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
21 **July 1, 2025.**  
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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.