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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 478**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, after “341.283” insert “and 341.335”.

2 Delete lines 25 and 26.

3 On page 2, delete line 1 and insert:

4 “(6)(a) Before a community college may become a member of, or renew
5 or cancel a membership with, any association, the board must approve the
6 action with an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

7 “(b) The requirement under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not ap-
8 ply to any group or organization composed of students, faculty or staff of the
9 community college that joins, renews or cancels the group or organization’s
10 membership with an association.”.

11 In line 3, after “paragraph” insert “:

12 “(A)”.

13 In line 4, after “compensation” insert “; and

14 “(B) Shall become effective for each member of the board following the
15 next regular district election at which the members of the board are
16 elected”.

17 Delete lines 12 through 44 and insert:

18 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 341.283, as amended by section 1 of this 2025 Act, is
19 amended to read:

20 “341.283. (1) After July 1 of each year, the board of a district shall meet
21 and organize by electing a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its

1 members.

2 “(2) The board shall provide for the time and place of its regular
3 meetings, at any of which it may adjourn to the next succeeding regular
4 meeting or to some specified time prior thereto. Special meetings shall be
5 convened by order of the chairperson of the board or upon the request of four
6 board members at least 24 hours before such meeting is to be held, or by
7 common consent of the board members. Notice of any special meeting shall
8 be given to the members pursuant to bylaws of the board.

9 “(3) A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum. The af-
10 firmative vote of the majority of members of the board is required to transact
11 any business.

12 “(4) The board shall adopt rules for the government of the conduct of its
13 members and its proceedings. The board shall keep a journal and, on the call
14 of any one of its members, shall cause the yeas and nays to be taken and
15 entered upon its journal upon any question before it.

16 “(5) Any duty imposed upon the board as a body shall be performed at a
17 regular or special meeting and shall be made a matter of record. The consent
18 to any particular measure obtained from individual board members when the
19 board is not in session shall not be an act of the board and shall not be
20 binding upon the district.

21 “(6)(a) Before a community college may become a member of, or renew
22 or cancel a membership with, any association, the board must approve the
23 action with an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

24 “(b) The requirement under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not ap-
25 ply to any group or organization composed of students, faculty or staff of the
26 community college that joins, renews or cancels the group or organization’s
27 membership with an association.

28 “(7)(a) A board may provide each member who is a voting member of the
29 board with a stipend not to exceed \$500 per month. A stipend provided under
30 this paragraph:

1 “(A) Constitutes part of the member’s compensation; and

2 “(B) Shall become effective for each member of the board following the
3 next regular district election at which the members of the board are elected.

4 “(b) In addition to a stipend under paragraph (a) of this subsection, a
5 board may provide reimbursement to each member for actual and necessary
6 expenses incurred or paid by the member in the performance of the member’s
7 duties.

8 “(c) A member may exercise the option not to receive a stipend provided
9 under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

10 “(d) A member who receives a stipend under paragraph (a) of this sub-
11 section is not an employee of the community college district.

12 “(8) **Each member of the board shall have an official institutional**
13 **electronic mail address that is clearly and publicly posted on the**
14 **website maintained by the community college.”.**

15 On page 3, delete lines 2 through 39 and insert:

16 **SECTION 4.** ORS 341.283, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of this 2025
17 Act, is amended to read:

18 “341.283. (1) After July 1 of each year, the board of a district shall meet
19 and organize by electing a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its
20 members.

21 “(2) The board shall provide for the time and place of its regular
22 meetings, at any of which it may adjourn to the next succeeding regular
23 meeting or to some specified time prior thereto. Special meetings shall be
24 convened by order of the chairperson of the board or upon the request of four
25 board members at least 24 hours before such meeting is to be held, or by
26 common consent of the board members. Notice of any special meeting shall
27 be given to the members pursuant to bylaws of the board.

28 “(3) A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum. The af-
29 firmative vote of the majority of members of the board is required to transact
30 any business.

1 “(4) The board shall adopt rules for the government of the conduct of its
2 members and its proceedings. The board shall keep a journal and, on the call
3 of any one of its members, shall cause the yeas and nays to be taken and
4 entered upon its journal upon any question before it.

5 “(5) Any duty imposed upon the board as a body shall be performed at a
6 regular or special meeting and shall be made a matter of record. The consent
7 to any particular measure obtained from individual board members when the
8 board is not in session shall not be an act of the board and shall not be
9 binding upon the district.

10 “(6)(a) Before a community college may become a member of, or renew
11 or cancel a membership with, any association, the board must approve the
12 action with an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

13 “(b) The requirement under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not ap-
14 ply to any group or organization composed of students, faculty or staff of the
15 community college that joins, renews or cancels the group or organization’s
16 membership with an association.

17 “(7)(a) A board may provide each member who is a voting member of the
18 board with a stipend not to exceed \$500 per month. A stipend provided under
19 this paragraph:

20 “(A) Constitutes part of the member’s compensation; and

21 “(B) Shall become effective for each member of the board following the
22 next regular district election at which the members of the board are elected.

23 “(b) In addition to a stipend under paragraph (a) of this subsection, a
24 board may provide reimbursement to each member for actual and necessary
25 expenses incurred or paid by the member in the performance of the member’s
26 duties.

27 “(c) A member may exercise the option not to receive a stipend provided
28 under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

29 “(d) A member who receives a stipend under paragraph (a) of this sub-
30 section is not an employee of the community college district.

1 “(8) Each member of the board shall have an official institutional elec-
2 tronic mail address that is clearly and publicly posted on the website main-
3 tained by the community college.

4 “(9) **In addition to the members of the board determined under ORS**
5 **341.275, the board shall include at least one additional voting member**
6 **of the board who is a student enrolled full-time at the community**
7 **college. The member who is a student must be elected or selected**
8 **through a process held by the student government or student**
9 **governance structure at the community college.”.**

10 After line 41, insert:

11 “**SECTION 6.** ORS 341.335 is amended to read:

12 “341.335. (1) The board shall declare the office of a board member vacant
13 if it finds any of the following:

14 “(a) The incumbent has died or resigned.

15 “(b) The incumbent has been removed or recalled from office or the
16 election of the incumbent thereto has been declared void by the judgment
17 of a court.

18 “(c) The incumbent has ceased to be a resident of the district from which
19 the incumbent was nominated or elected.

20 “(d) The incumbent has ceased to discharge the duties of office for two
21 consecutive months unless prevented therefrom by sickness or other una-
22 voidable cause or unless excused by the chairperson of the board.

23 “(2) A board member who is nominated or elected by zone and who
24 changes permanent residence from one zone of a district to another zone or
25 who by a change in zone boundaries no longer resides in the zone of nomi-
26 nation or election is entitled to continue to serve as board member until
27 June 30 following the next regular district election at which a successor
28 shall be elected by the electors to serve for the remainder of the unexpired
29 term, if any. The successor shall take office July 1 next following the
30 election.

1 “(3) When a vacancy is declared under subsection (1) of this section, **and**
2 **the vacancy occurs not less than 90 days before the regular district**
3 **election at which that position is to be elected**, the remaining board
4 members shall meet and appoint a person to fill the vacancy **not less than**
5 **60 days after the vacancy occurs** from any of the electors of the district
6 if the position is one filled by both nomination and election at-large, and
7 otherwise from any of the electors of the zone from which the vacancy oc-
8 curs.

9 “(4) [*If the offices of a majority of the board members are vacant at the*
10 *same time,*] The governing body of the principal county shall appoint persons
11 to fill the vacancies from any of the electors of the district if the positions
12 are filled by both nomination and election at-large, and otherwise from any
13 of the electors of the zone from which the vacancy occurs **if:**

14 “(a) **The offices of a majority of the board members are vacant at**
15 **the same time; or**

16 “(b) **The remaining board members fail to appoint a person to fill**
17 **a vacancy in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The gov-**
18 **erning body shall make an appointment under this paragraph not less**
19 **than 10 days following the failure of the board to fill a vacancy.**

20 “(5) The period of service of a board member appointed under subsection
21 (3) or (4) of this section commences upon appointment and expires June 30
22 next following the next regular district election at which a successor is
23 elected. The successor shall be elected to serve the remainder, if any, of the
24 term for which the appointment was made. If the term for which the ap-
25 pointment was made expires June 30 after the election of the successor, the
26 successor shall be elected to a full term. In either case, the successor shall
27 take office on July 1.”.

28 In line 42, delete “6” and insert “7”.

29 On page 4, line 3, delete “7” and insert “8”.

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