

CHAPTER 100

AN ACT

SB 1572

Relating to higher education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 329.756 and 350.426 and sections 9 and 10, chapter 575, Oregon Laws 2021; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 329.756 is amended to read: 329.756. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Education employer" means a public charter school, a school district, **a community college operated under ORS chapter 341, a public university listed in ORS 352.002**, a tribal college[, a community college] or university, as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)(3), as in effect on September 25, 2021, and any other governmental agency within this state that employs a **faculty member who teaches**, teacher or a school nurse, as defined in ORS 336.204, in a full-time capacity which, for the purposes of this paragraph, means including within the calculation of full-time equivalent work hours every hour in which the teacher or school nurse engages in instruction and at least 3.35 additional hours for each hour of instruction.

(b) "Public service loan forgiveness program" means the program under which the United States Secretary of Education cancels the balance of interest and principal due on eligible federal direct loans in accordance with the criteria specified under 20 U.S.C. 1087e(m) and 34 C.F.R. 685.219, both as in effect on September 25, 2021.

(2)(a) **Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, for community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341 and public universities listed in ORS 352.002:**

(A) A faculty member who teaches is considered to be employed in a full-time capacity if the faculty member engages in 30 or more full-time equivalent work hours per week; and

(B) In calculating the number of full-time equivalent work hours engaged in per week by a faculty member who teaches:

(i) Each hour assigned to the faculty member as an hour of lecture time or as an hour of classroom time constitutes 4.35 full-time equivalent work hours; and

(ii) Each hour that a faculty member who teaches is compensated for other than hours described in sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph constitutes 1.0 full-time equivalent work hours.

(b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341 or a public university listed in ORS 352.002 may provide by collective bargaining to increase the multiplier used to calculate full-time equivalent work hours under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection.

~~[(2)(a)]~~ **(3)(a)** An education employer shall provide all employees who qualify for a public service loan forgiveness program with materials and assistance that:

(A) Increases awareness of the public service loan forgiveness program among eligible employees of the education employer; and

(B) Increases participation by employees in the public service loan forgiveness program.

(b) Materials described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may include, but are not limited to:

(A) Announcements and advertisements in an education employer's official publications and in any electronic mail or social media messages the education employer sends to employees;

(B) Inserts or other messages in employee paychecks or payment instruments, to the extent practicable; or

(C) Other periodic reminders in communications to employees.

(c) An education employer shall direct an employee, as part of the employee's official duties, to become familiar with eligibility requirements, application procedures and other information about the public service loan forgiveness program and to provide assistance to other employees who request assistance with determining the employees' eligibility for and applications to the public service loan forgiveness program.

SECTION 2. (1) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341 or a public university listed in ORS 352.002 that certifies hours worked by a faculty member who teaches for purposes of the public service loan forgiveness program defined in ORS 329.756 must calculate the full-time equivalent work hours engaged in per week by the faculty member who teaches, and determine the periods during which the faculty member who teaches was employed in a full-time capacity, by using the calculation set forth in ORS 329.756 for the entire period of time the faculty member who teaches has been employed at the community college or public university, including any periods of employment that occurred before the effective date of this 2022 Act.

(2) The method used by community colleges and public universities to calculate the full-time equivalent work hours engaged in per week by a faculty member who teaches, and to determine the periods during which the faculty member who teaches was employed in a full-time capacity, that is set forth in ORS 329.756 is ratified and approved for the purpose of calculating the full-time equivalent work hours engaged in per week by a faculty member who teaches, and determining the periods during which the faculty member who teaches was employed in a full-time capacity, prior to the effective date of this 2022 Act.

SECTION 3. ORS 350.426 is amended to read:

350.426. (1) The Transfer Council is established, consisting of 15 voting members, appointed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, and one nonvoting, ex officio member.

(2) Before appointing the voting members, the commission shall request nominations from official student, faculty and administrator organizations at public universities listed in ORS 352.002, community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341 and high schools in this state. The 15 voting members of the council shall consist of:

(a) Five academic officers, two of whom are currently employed at a public university, two of whom are currently employed at a community college and one of whom is currently employed at a public high school in this state;

(b) Four faculty members, two of whom are currently employed at a public university and two of whom are currently employed at a community college;

(c) One teacher who both teaches accelerated college credit programs as defined in ORS 340.315 and is currently employed at a public high school in this state;

(d) Two individuals who specialize in assisting students who transfer between institutions, one of whom is currently employed at a public university and one of whom is currently employed at a community college; and

(e) Three students, one of whom is currently enrolled at a public university, one of whom is currently enrolled at a community college and one of whom is currently enrolled at a high school in this state.

(3) The chairperson of the commission, or a designee of the chairperson of the commission, shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

(4)(a) The term of office of each voting member of the council is two years. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the commission shall appoint a successor. A member is eligible for reappointment.

(b) In order to serve as a member of the council, an individual must at all times meet the qualifications for the appointment. If at any time a member fails to meet the qualifications for the member's appointment, the position is vacant.

(c) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the commission shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

(5)(a) The council:

(A) Shall select one or more of its members as chairperson or as cochairpersons; and

(B) May establish, in the manner set forth in this subsection, one or more subcommittees for the purpose of advising the council on how to best fulfill its duties.

(b) For a subcommittee established under this subsection that will make recommendations to the council on **issues that primarily relate to curriculum, the subject matter of courses or disciplines or methods of instruction** [a subject that will be submitted by the council to the commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D)], the council may

appoint any faculty member who is employed by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college operated under ORS chapter 341, provided that the subcommittee consists of equal numbers of faculty from public universities and community colleges.

(c) For a subcommittee **other than a subcommittee described in paragraph (b) of this subsection** [established under this subsection that will not make recommendations to the council on a subject that will be submitted by the council to the commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D)], the council may appoint any individual employed by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college operated under ORS chapter 341, including faculty, registrars, academic advisors and academic administrators. **A subcommittee established under this paragraph may not make recommendations to the council on issues that primarily relate to curriculum, the subject matter of courses or disciplines or methods of instruction.**

(d) Appointment to a subcommittee established under this subsection does not entitle an individual to vote as a member of the council.

(6)(a) A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(b)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, official action by the council requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the council.

(B) Official action by the council on recommendations to be made to the commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D) requires the approval of three-fifths of the voting members of the council.

(c) Two or more voting members of the council who disagree with recommendations that are submitted to the commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D) may jointly submit a minority report to the commission that contains alternate recommendations. A minority report created under this paragraph shall be submitted to the commission with the majority recommendations.

(7)(a) A majority of the members of a subcommittee established under subsection (5) of this section constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business of the subcommittee.

(b)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, official action by a subcommittee established under subsection (5) of this section requires approval of a majority of the members of the subcommittee.

(B) Official action by a subcommittee on recommendations to be made to the council on a subject that will be submitted by the council to the commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D) requires the approval of three-fifths of the members of the subcommittee.

(c) Two or more members of a subcommittee who disagree with recommendations that are submitted to the council on a subject that will be submitted by the council to the commission under ORS 350.429 (1)(d)(A) to (D) may jointly submit a minority report

to the council that contains alternate recommendations. A minority report created under this paragraph shall be submitted to the council with the majority recommendations.

(8)(a) The council shall meet at least every three months at a place, day and hour determined by the chairperson or cochairpersons.

(b) In addition to the meetings required under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission may call a meeting of the council if the commission finds a meeting to be necessary and a meeting is not called by the chairperson or cochairpersons.

SECTION 4. Section 9, chapter 575, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

Sec. 9. Not later than December 15, [2021] **2022**, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education describing any additional legislation or funding that is

required to develop an electronic system for the dissemination of information regarding foundational curricula established under ORS 350.400 and unified statewide transfer agreements established under ORS 350.404.

SECTION 5. Section 10, chapter 575, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. Section 9, chapter 575, Oregon Laws 2021, [of this 2021 Act] is repealed on December 31, [2022] **2023**.

SECTION 6. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.

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