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Requested by Representative JOHNSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2998**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “education” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 14 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) Community colleges and public universities listed**
5 **in ORS 352.002 shall:**

6 **“(a) Evaluate currently existing one-year curriculums for students**
7 **at a public post-secondary institution of education who plan to trans-**
8 **fer to a different public post-secondary institution of education; and**

9 **“(b) Establish a foundational curriculum for the first year of course**
10 **work at public post-secondary institutions of education in this state.**

11 **“(2) The foundational curriculum established under subsection (1)**
12 **of this section must contain a minimum of 30 college-level academic**
13 **credits.**

14 **“(3) Students at a community college who complete the founda-**
15 **tional curriculum established under subsection (1) of this section shall:**

16 **“(a) Be able to transfer each academic credit from the foundational**
17 **curriculum to any public university listed in ORS 352.002; and**

18 **“(b) Have each academic credit from the foundational curriculum**
19 **be counted towards the student’s degree requirements at any public**
20 **university listed in ORS 352.002.**

21 **“SECTION 2. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall**

1 work with community colleges and public universities listed in ORS
2 352.002 to ensure that the foundational curriculum described in section
3 1 of this 2017 Act is established and available for use by community
4 college students by the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year.

5 **“SECTION 3. (1) Community colleges and public universities listed**
6 **in ORS 352.002 shall collaborate to develop a unified statewide transfer**
7 **agreement, based on the foundational curriculum established under**
8 **section 1 of this 2017 Act, for each major identified by the Higher Ed-**
9 **ucation Coordinating Commission under subsection (3) of this section.**
10 **Each unified statewide transfer agreement developed under this sec-**
11 **tion must:**

12 **“(a) Enable a student to transfer from a community college to a**
13 **public university listed in ORS 352.002 without the loss of academic**
14 **credit or the requirement to retake a course at a public university that**
15 **the student has successfully completed at a community college;**

16 **“(b) Contain provisions that identify the optimal time or times for**
17 **a student to transfer from a community college to a public university**
18 **listed in ORS 352.002 in order for the student to efficiently receive a**
19 **bachelor’s degree;**

20 **“(c) Define the classes and completion standards for 90 academic**
21 **credits of coursework in the major that may be taken at a community**
22 **college; and**

23 **“(d) Ensure that if a student at a community college has completed**
24 **the 90 academic credits of coursework in conformity with the com-**
25 **pletion standards identified in paragraph (c) of this subsection and**
26 **transfers to a public university listed in ORS 352.002, the student will:**

27 **“(A) Receive junior status in the major at the public university; and**

28 **“(B) Be able to receive a bachelor’s degree in the major by taking**
29 **no more than 90 additional academic credits after transferring.**

30 **“(2) In designing unified statewide transfer agreements under sub-**

1 section (1) of this section, community colleges and public universities
2 listed in ORS 352.002 shall:

3 “(a) Focus on ensuring that community college students who
4 transfer to public universities to complete a bachelor’s degree are able
5 to obtain the bachelor’s degree in a time frame similar to the
6 timeframe required for students who begin their post-secondary
7 studies at a public university;

8 “(b) Seek to minimize student debt; and

9 “(c) Seek to increase the rate at which community college students
10 who transfer to public universities receive bachelor’s degrees.

11 “(3) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in consulta-
12 tion with community colleges and public universities listed in ORS
13 352.002, shall identify the majors for which a unified statewide transfer
14 agreement should be established. The commission shall publicly iden-
15 tify the criteria used to make the determination, which must include,
16 but need not be limited to, a consideration of the most popular majors
17 of students at public universities.

18 “(4) Community colleges and public universities listed in ORS
19 352.002 shall establish a unified statewide transfer agreement for three
20 of the majors identified under subsection (3) of this section per year
21 until a unified statewide transfer agreement exists for each major
22 identified under subsection (3) of this section.

23 “SECTION 4. Notwithstanding section 3 (4) of this 2017 Act, com-
24 munity colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 shall de-
25 velop the first three unified statewide transfer agreements required
26 under section 3 of this 2017 Act under the following time frame:

27 “(1) The first unified statewide transfer agreement must be estab-
28 lished by December 1, 2018;

29 “(2) The second unified statewide transfer agreement must be es-
30 tablished by April 1, 2019; and

1 “(3) The third unified statewide transfer agreement must be estab-
2 lished by December 1, 2019.

3 “SECTION 5. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission
4 shall regularly convene representatives from community colleges and
5 public universities listed in ORS 352.002 in order to:

6 “(a) Facilitate the coordination of the foundational curriculum es-
7 tablished in section 1 of this 2017 Act; and

8 “(b) Facilitate the development, and ensure the continued align-
9 ment, of the unified statewide transfer agreements described in section
10 3 of this 2017 Act.

11 “(2) The commission shall provide staffing for each meeting held
12 under subsection (1) of this section.

13 “(3) The commission shall seek to ensure that community colleges,
14 public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and students are informed and
15 engaged on the current status and developments of the foundational
16 curriculum and unified statewide transfer agreements.

17 “(4) Each community college and public university listed in ORS
18 352.002 shall report annually to the commission, for each unified
19 statewide transfer agreement established under section 3 of this 2017
20 Act, the number of academic credits that were successfully transferred
21 in that major by students who transfer from a community college to
22 a public university.

23 “(5) To the extent relevant data is available, the commission shall
24 report annually to the Legislative Assembly on whether existing uni-
25 fied statewide transfer agreements are meeting the goals set forth in
26 section 3 (2) of this 2017 Act.

27 “SECTION 6. (1) Community colleges and public universities listed
28 in ORS 352.002 shall investigate and make recommendations to the
29 Higher Education Coordinating Commission regarding best practices
30 for advising students about:

1 “(a) The foundational curriculum established under section 1 of this
2 2017 Act;

3 “(b) Unified statewide transfer agreements established under sec-
4 tion 3 of this 2017 Act; and

5 “(c) Methods for identifying a program to major in no later than
6 the student’s second year of post-secondary education.

7 “(2) No later than June 1, 2018, the commission shall analyze the
8 recommendations submitted under subsection (1) of this section and
9 submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly
10 relating to higher education that sets forth the commission’s recom-
11 mendations for advising students on the issues set forth in subsection
12 (1) of this section.

13 “SECTION 7. No later than February 1, 2018, the Higher Education
14 Coordinating Commission shall provide to the Legislative Assembly a
15 written report that:

16 “(1) Details the number of academic credits that are typically lost
17 by current students who transfer from a community college to a public
18 university listed in ORS 352.002;

19 “(2) Makes a recommendation on whether more than one founda-
20 tional curriculum should be established;

21 “(3) Makes a recommendation on whether the foundational curric-
22 ulum established under section 1 of this 2017 Act should be
23 transferable for students who transfer from one community college to
24 a different community college or from one public university listed in
25 ORS 352.002 to a different public university; and

26 “(4) Lists the majors for which unified statewide transfer agree-
27 ments will be established under section 3 (3) of this 2017 Act.

28 “SECTION 8. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
30 declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

