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SUMMARY

Permits Higher Education Coordinating Commission to use moneys from Oregon Opportunity Grant program to pay for scholarships for children of public safety officers if other sources of money are insufficient to fully fund scholarships.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to financial aid for higher education; amending ORS 348.280; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 348.280 is amended to read:

6 348.280. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall:

7 (a) Determine which students are eligible to receive scholarships under
8 ORS 348.270 and 348.272.

9 (b) Grant the appropriate scholarships under ORS 348.270 and 348.272.

10 (c) Make necessary rules for application and distribution of the benefits
11 available under ORS 348.270 and 348.272 and this section.

12 (d) In awarding scholarships pursuant to its authority under ORS 348.520,
13 give priority to students who are eligible to receive scholarships under ORS
14 348.270 and 348.272.

15 **(2) If the accounts established or designated by the State Treasurer**
16 **under ORS 131A.360 and 131A.365 do not contain sufficient moneys to**
17 **provide scholarships to each student who is eligible to receive a**
18 **scholarship under ORS 348.270, the commission shall:**

1 **(a) Use all moneys available in the accounts established or desig-**
2 **nated by the State Treasurer under ORS 131A.360 and 131A.365 to pro-**
3 **vide scholarships to students who are eligible to receive a scholarship**
4 **under ORS 348.270; and**

5 **(b) Award moneys from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program to**
6 **students who are eligible to receive a scholarship under ORS 348.270.**

7 [(2)] **(3)** The [*Higher Education Coordinating*] commission shall establish
8 rules and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS 348.270
9 and 348.272 and this section, including but not limited to the usual and
10 customary rules for analyzing financial need.

11 **SECTION 2.** **This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
12 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
13 **clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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