

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 713

Ordered by the Senate April 12
Including Senate Amendments dated April 12

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, MANNING JR, FREDERICK; Representative SOLLMAN

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.

Prohibits public or private post-secondary institution of education from requiring prospective student to disclose whether prospective student has criminal conviction before institution makes final determination on whether to admit student.

[Establishes exceptions for prospective students who apply to institution using common application and for prospective students who seek admission into professional degree program or law enforcement basic training courses and programs.]

Requires materials or websites created by institution that are routinely used by prospective students when deciding whether to apply for admission to include notification to prospective students if institution determined that particular course, program, major or degree pathway is likely to lead to professional licensure requirements that may exclude individuals with criminal convictions.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to applying to post-secondary institutions of education; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Except as otherwise required by law, a public or private post-secondary institution of education may not require a prospective student to disclose whether the prospective student has a criminal conviction before the institution makes a final decision on whether to admit the prospective student.

(2) Any materials or websites that are created by a public or private post-secondary institution of higher education and that are routinely used by prospective students when deciding whether to apply for admission to a particular course, program, major or degree pathway at the institution must include a notification to prospective students if the institution has determined that the particular course, program, major or degree pathway is likely to lead to professional licensure requirements that may exclude individuals with criminal convictions.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act first applies to applications for the 2022-2023 academic year.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.