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INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 715
HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING COMMISSION

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FILING CAPTION: Technical Amendments to Student-Parent Data Collection Requirements

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 11/25/2025 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

The original rule is needed to gather accurate data on student-parents and guardians, which helps institutions and Oregon understand the specific needs and challenges faced by these students. This information supports the development of targeted policies, resources, and support services to improve their educational experience and success. Additionally, it enables legislators, policymakers, and administrators to make more informed decisions, allocate resources effectively, and promote equitable access to higher education for students who are parents or guardians.

The amendment to the rule consists of taking out the skip logic in the two sequential questions and clarifies the data to be reported must be student-level data and submitted with the institutions' regular student-level data submissions.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

None.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

There is no anticipated impact on racial equity in this state from this rule amendment.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

No fiscal or economic impact is expected from this rule amendment.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) No state agencies, units of local government, or members of the public are expected to be economically affected by the rule.
(2a) No small businesses will be subject to this rule.
(2b) The rule has already been in effect, and this amendment does not change what is to be collected and submitted.
(2c) No expected cost for professional services, equipment supplies, labor or increased administration to comply with this rule.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not involved in the development of this rule.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

This amendment is a very minor technical change for clarity and logistical implementation.

AMEND: 715-015-0011

RULE SUMMARY: This rule requires community colleges and public universities in Oregon to annually collect, update, and report data on whether students are parents or guardians. Institutions must include two questions on demographics forms: one asking if the student is a parent or guardian (with options including no, solo parent, shared responsibilities with someone inside or outside the household), and another asking about the ages of their children. The data must be reported each year to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

CHANGES TO RULE:

715-015-0011
Requiring the collection and reporting of data on student-parents
(1) Community colleges governed under ORS 341 and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 shall annually collect, update, report, and retain student-submitted information that identifies whether a student is a parent, a person acting as a parent, or a legal guardian, excluding students enrolled only in noncredit, non-reimbursable courses at community colleges. Institutions shall place two questions on one or more forms that are used on an annual basis to collect demographic data from students.¶
(a) Question 1 shall be published with the following wording and answer options, with the institution substituting its name where appropriate:¶
Are you a parent, are you serving as a parent, or are you a legal guardian of a child/children while you are enrolled at <insert college or university name>? ¶
No, I am not a parent, serving as a parent, nor a legal guardian.¶
Yes, I am a solo/single parent or guardian.¶
Yes, I am a parent/guardian and share parenting responsibilities with someone who lives with me.¶
Yes, I am a parent/guardian and share parenting responsibilities with someone who does not live with me.¶
(b) Question 2 shall be published with the following wording and answer options:¶

~~If yes, w~~Which of the following statements apply to you? Please check all that apply. ¶
I have a child(ren) who are birth to 12 months, or I am expecting a baby.¶
I have a child(ren) who are 13 months - 5 years old.¶
I have a child(ren) who are 6 - 11 years old. ¶
I have a child(ren) who are 12 - 17 years old. ¶
I don't have any children in the above age groups.¶
(2) Institutions shall report this data to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission in their regular student-level data submissions each year.
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 350.203
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 350.203