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Requested by Representative ALONSO LEON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2166**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon insert “creating new  
2 provisions; amending ORS 326.051, 329A.280, 329A.330, 342.120, 342.147,  
3 342.437, 342.940 and 348.295 and sections 4 and 5, chapter 756, Oregon Laws  
4 2015;”.

5 After line 2, insert:

6 “Whereas an equitable system of education means a system that enables  
7 every child to have an equal chance for success in education; and

8 “Whereas an equitable system of education must take into consideration  
9 the whole child, including the child’s background, personal characteristics,  
10 family situation, mental health and social emotional development; and

11 “Whereas all children deserve to receive high quality, culturally respon-  
12 sive, developmentally appropriate and inclusive early childhood care and  
13 education regardless of race, ethnicity, language or disability; and

14 “Whereas not all children are given the same opportunity to succeed in  
15 education, as children in early childhood care or education programs are  
16 disproportionately disciplined based on race, ethnicity, language or disabil-  
17 ity; and

18 “Whereas there are limited opportunities for early childhood care and  
19 education professionals who serve some of this state’s most vulnerable low  
20 income families to access professional development resources that are cul-  
21 turally specific or language diverse or that are related to behavioral health;

1 and

2 “Whereas providing resources and professional development to early  
3 childhood care professionals and educators could improve equity in education  
4 by reducing the disproportionate imposition of discipline, including suspen-  
5 sion and expulsion; and

6 “Whereas social emotional learning is a central component of an inte-  
7 grated model of mental and emotional health that also includes racial equity,  
8 trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multitiered  
9 systems of support; and

10 “Whereas social emotional learning skills, in conjunction with racial eq-  
11 uity, trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multi-  
12 tiered systems of support, can contribute significantly to mental and  
13 emotional health and overall health promotion and can be an integral part  
14 of school culture, climate, safety and mental and physical health promotion  
15 efforts; and

16 “Whereas social emotional learning skills, in conjunction with racial eq-  
17 uity, trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multi-  
18 tiered systems of support, can enable school communities to create just,  
19 equitable and inclusive cultures in which all students, staff and leaders be-  
20 long and feel respected, valued and affirmed in their individual and inter-  
21 sectional interests, talents, social identities, cultural values and  
22 backgrounds; and

23 “Whereas social emotional learning skills, in conjunction with racial eq-  
24 uity, trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multi-  
25 tiered systems of support, can help schools cultivate understanding, examine  
26 biases, reflect on and address the impact of racism, build cross-cultural re-  
27 lationships and foster adult and student practices that close opportunity gaps  
28 and create more inclusive school communities that deliver high quality edu-  
29 cational opportunities and outcomes for all students; and

30 “Whereas social emotional learning should be incorporated into all aca-

1 demic content standards as part of an integrated model of mental and emo-  
2 tional health, with the explicit goal being to promote antiracism and  
3 educational equity and to create conditions for all students to thrive; and

4 “Whereas this state’s commitment to equity includes a culturally respon-  
5 sive educator workforce, which requires a vigorous and comprehensive com-  
6 mitment to relevant professional development and supports for educators who  
7 are serving this state’s diverse learners; and

8 “Whereas high quality educator preparation and ongoing, effective pro-  
9 fessional development and supports for educators are critical variables to an  
10 equitable education system, excellent teaching, educator retention and im-  
11 proved learning and development; and

12 “Whereas recent actions taken by the Legislative Assembly have empha-  
13 sized the need to address professional development for educators who serve  
14 children and students in early childhood and in kindergarten through grade  
15 12; and

16 “Whereas this state seeks to recruit and retain more diverse educators for  
17 the purposes of enhancing the capacity of all educators to create safe, equi-  
18 table and inclusive learning environments and addressing institutional  
19 racism that limits opportunities for many children and students; now, there-  
20 fore,”.

21 Delete lines 4 through 15 and insert:

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23 **“EARLY CHILDHOOD SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PREVENTION**

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25 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion**  
26 **Prevention Program is established. The Early Learning Division shall**  
27 **administer the program as provided by this section.**

28 **“(2) The purposes of the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion**  
29 **Prevention Program are to:**

30 **“(a) Reduce the use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood**

1 care and education programs; and

2 “(b) Reduce disparities in the use of suspension and expulsion in  
3 early childhood care and education programs based on race, ethnicity,  
4 language, ability or any other protected class identified by the Early  
5 Learning Council by rule.

6 “(3) The Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention  
7 Program shall achieve the purposes described in subsection (2) of this  
8 section by:

9 “(a) Incorporating into early childhood care and education pro-  
10 grams racial equity, trauma-informed principles and practices and  
11 strengths-based multitiered systems of support;

12 “(b) Supporting the capacity of families, educators and early child-  
13 hood care and education professionals to promote children’s social  
14 emotional well-being and growth;

15 “(c) Creating a source for early childhood care and education pro-  
16 fessionals to request technical assistance related to children’s social  
17 emotional well-being and growth;

18 “(d) Building capacity in communities to deliver technical assist-  
19 ance that supports:

20 “(A) Children’s social emotional development;

21 “(B) Children’s positive racial identity development;

22 “(C) Antibias practices in early childhood care and education pro-  
23 grams; and

24 “(D) Inclusive practices in early childhood care and education pro-  
25 grams;

26 “(e) Enhancing community-based supports for families that have a  
27 history of trauma, are involved in multiple systems of support or need  
28 connection to intervention services;

29 “(f) Providing early childhood care and education professionals with  
30 access to technical assistance to support the stability of placements

1 in early childhood care and education programs; and

2 “(g) Developing and supporting practices that reduce the use of  
3 suspension or expulsion.

4 “(4) Under the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Pre-  
5 vention Program, the Early Learning Division shall establish:

6 “(a) Common definitions related to antibias practices in early  
7 childhood care and education;

8 “(b) Common definitions related to inclusive practices in early  
9 childhood care and education;

10 “(c) Common definitions and guidelines for early childhood care and  
11 education suspension and expulsion;

12 “(d) Standards and guidelines for program administration and for  
13 the delivery of technical assistance services that are culturally re-  
14 sponsive and that ensure technical assistance is implemented with a  
15 focus on antibias and inclusive practices;

16 “(e) Requirements for knowledge, skills and competencies for tech-  
17 nical assistance specialists and mental health consultants participat-  
18 ing in the program, with a focus on racial equity, the science of child  
19 development, trauma-informed principles and practices, social emo-  
20 tional learning principles, antibias practices and inclusive practices;

21 “(f) Standards for data collection and evaluation to assess the im-  
22 pacts of the program, including eliminating disparities in exclusionary  
23 practices based on race, ethnicity, language, ability or other protected  
24 classes; and

25 “(g) Requirements that early childhood care and education pro-  
26 grams certified or registered under ORS 329A.280 or 329A.330, or re-  
27 ceiving public funding for early childhood care and education services,  
28 must request services from the Early Childhood Suspension and Ex-  
29 pulsion Prevention Program when a young child in an early childhood  
30 care or education program is facing potential expulsion.

1       “(5) In support of the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion  
2       Prevention Program, the Early Learning Division shall coordinate  
3       with the Oregon Health Authority to develop a plan for integrated  
4       mental and behavioral health and social and emotional supports for  
5       children and families, including establishing a resource list of diverse,  
6       community-based mental health consultants to support the goals of  
7       the suspension and expulsion program.

8       “(6) The Early Learning Council may adopt any rules necessary for  
9       the administration of this section.

10       “**SECTION 2.** ORS 329A.280 is amended to read:

11       “329A.280. (1) A person may not operate a child care facility, except a  
12       facility subject to the registration requirements of ORS 329A.330, without a  
13       certification for the facility from the Office of Child Care.

14       “(2) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules for the certification of  
15       a family child care home caring for not more than 16 children. The rules  
16       shall be specifically adopted for the regulation of certified child care facili-  
17       ties operated in a facility constructed as a single-family dwelling. Notwith-  
18       standing fire and other safety regulations, the rules that the council adopts  
19       for certified child care facilities shall set standards that can be met without  
20       significant architectural modification of a typical home. In adopting the  
21       rules, the council may consider and set limits according to factors including  
22       the age of children in care, the ambulatory ability of children in care, the  
23       number of the provider’s children present, the length of time a particular  
24       child is continuously cared for and the total amount of time a particular  
25       child is cared for within a given unit of time. **The rules must require**  
26       **compliance with the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

27       “(3) In addition to rules adopted for and applied to a certified family child  
28       care home providing child care for not more than 16 children, the council  
29       shall adopt and apply separate rules appropriate for any child care facility  
30       that is a child care center.

1 “(4) Any person seeking to operate a child care facility may apply for a  
2 certification for the facility from the Office of Child Care and receive a  
3 certification upon meeting certification requirements.

4 “(5) A facility described in ORS 329A.250 (5)(d) may, but is not required  
5 to, apply for a certification under this section and receive a certification  
6 upon meeting certification requirements.

7 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 329A.330 is amended to read:

8 “329A.330. (1) A provider operating a family child care home where care  
9 is provided in the family living quarters of the provider’s home that is not  
10 subject to the certification requirements of ORS 329A.280 may not operate  
11 a child care facility without registering with the Office of Child Care.

12 “(2) A child care facility holding a registration may care for a maximum  
13 of 10 children, including the provider’s own children. Of the 10 children:

14 “(a) No more than six may be younger than school age; and

15 “(b) No more than two may be 24 months of age or younger.

16 “(3)(a) To obtain a registration, a provider must apply to the Office of  
17 Child Care by submitting a completed application work sheet and a  
18 nonrefundable fee. The fee shall vary according to the number of children for  
19 which the facility is requesting to be registered, and shall be determined and  
20 applied through rules adopted by the Early Learning Council under ORS  
21 329A.275. The fee shall be deposited as provided in ORS 329A.310 (2). The  
22 office may waive any or all of the fee if the office determines that imposition  
23 of the fee would impose a hardship on the provider.

24 “(b) Upon receipt of an initial or renewal application satisfactory to the  
25 office, the office shall conduct an on-site review of the child care facility  
26 under this section. The on-site review shall be conducted within 30 days of  
27 the receipt of a satisfactory application.

28 “(4) The office shall issue a registration to a provider operating a family  
29 child care home if:

30 “(a) The provider has completed a child care overview class administered

1 by the office;

2 “(b) The provider has completed two hours of training on child abuse and  
3 neglect issues;

4 “(c) The provider is currently certified in infant and child first aid and  
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

6 “(d) The provider is certified as a food handler under ORS 624.570; and

7 “(e) The office determines that the application meets the requirements of  
8 ORS 181A.200, 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450 and the rules promulgated  
9 pursuant to ORS 181A.195, 181A.200, 181A.215, 329A.030 and 329A.250 to  
10 329A.450, and receives a satisfactory records check, including criminal re-  
11 cords and protective services records.

12 “(5) Unless the registration is revoked as provided in ORS 329A.350, the  
13 registration is valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance. The  
14 office may not renew a registration of a provider operating a family child  
15 care home unless the provider:

16 “(a) Is currently certified in infant and child first aid and  
17 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

18 “(b) Has completed a minimum of eight hours of training related to child  
19 care during the most recent registration period; [*and*]

20 “(c) Is certified as a food handler under ORS 624.570[.]; **and**

21 **“(d) When applicable, has complied with the requirements of sec-**  
22 **tion 1 of this 2021 Act prior to imposing an expulsion.**

23 “(6) A registration authorizes operation of the facility only on the prem-  
24 ises described in the registration and only by the person named in the reg-  
25 istration.

26 “(7) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules:

27 “(a) Creating the application work sheet required under subsection (3) of  
28 this section;

29 “(b) Defining full-time and part-time care;

30 “(c) Establishing under what circumstances the adult to child ratio re-



1 requirements may be temporarily waived; and

2 “(d) Establishing health and safety procedures and standards on:

3 “(A) The number and type of toilets and sinks available to children;

4 “(B) Availability of steps or blocks for use by children;

5 “(C) Room temperature;

6 “(D) Lighting of rooms occupied by children;

7 “(E) Glass panels on doors;

8 “(F) Condition of floors;

9 “(G) Availability of emergency telephone numbers; and

10 “(H) Smoking.

11 “(8) The office shall adopt the application work sheet required by sub-  
12 section (3) of this section. The work sheet must include, but need not be  
13 limited to, the following:

14 “(a) The number and ages of the children to be cared for at the facility;  
15 and

16 “(b) The health and safety procedures in place and followed at the facil-  
17 ity.

18 “(9)(a) If the Office of Child Care determines that it is necessary to pro-  
19 tect the health and safety of the children for whom a child care facility is  
20 to provide care, the office may impose a condition on the facility’s registra-  
21 tion that is reasonably designed to protect the health and safety of children.  
22 The office may impose a condition during the application process for an in-  
23 itial registration, during the application process for a renewal of a registra-  
24 tion or at any time after the issuance of a registration.

25 “(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, when the of-  
26 fice imposes a condition on a child care facility’s registration, the facility  
27 shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the provisions  
28 of ORS chapter 183.

29 “(c)(A) If the office finds a serious danger to the health and safety of the  
30 children receiving care at a child care facility, the office shall notify the

1 facility of the specific reasons for the finding and may impose an emergency  
2 condition on the facility's registration without a hearing.

3 “(B) If the facility demands a hearing within 90 days after the office no-  
4 tifies the facility of the emergency condition, a hearing consistent with the  
5 provisions of ORS chapter 183 must be granted to the facility as soon as  
6 practicable after the demand and the agency shall issue an order consistent  
7 with the provisions of ORS chapter 183 confirming, altering or revoking the  
8 order imposing the emergency condition.

9 “(10) The office, upon good cause shown, may waive one or more of the  
10 registration requirements. The office may waive a requirement only if ap-  
11 propriate conditions or safeguards are imposed to protect the welfare of the  
12 children and the consumer interests of the parents of the children. The office  
13 may not waive the on-site review requirement for applicants applying for an  
14 initial registration or renewal of a registration.

15 “(11) The Early Learning Council, by rule, shall develop a list of recom-  
16 mended standards consistent with standards established by professional or-  
17 ganizations regarding child care programs for child care facilities.  
18 Compliance with the standards is not required for a registration, but the  
19 office shall encourage voluntary compliance and shall provide technical as-  
20 sistance to a child care facility attempting to comply with the standards. The  
21 child care facility shall distribute the list of recommended minimum stan-  
22 dards to the parents of all children cared for at the facility.

23 “(12) In adopting rules relating to registration, the Early Learning  
24 Council shall consult with the appropriate legislative committee in develop-  
25 ing the rules to be adopted. If the rules are being adopted during a period  
26 when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, the Early Learning Council  
27 shall consult with the appropriate interim legislative committee.

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## **“SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING STANDARDS**

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1       **“SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Education, in consultation with**  
2 **the Early Learning Division and the Teacher Standards and Practices**  
3 **Commission, shall convene an advisory group to propose for adoption**  
4 **by the State Board of Education:**

5       **“(a) Social emotional learning standards for public school students**  
6 **in kindergarten through grade 12; and**

7       **“(b) A statewide social emotional framework for public school stu-**  
8 **dents in kindergarten through grade 12.**

9       **“(2) The standards and framework proposed by the advisory group**  
10 **must:**

11       **“(a) Be developmentally appropriate;**

12       **“(b) Align with other models and practices of the department re-**  
13 **lated to mental health;**

14       **“(c) Include racial equity and trauma-informed principles and**  
15 **practices within strengths-based multitiered systems of support;**

16       **“(d) Increase public school students’ social emotional development;**

17       **“(e) Promote self-awareness, awareness of others, critical thinking**  
18 **and understanding regarding the interaction between systemic social**  
19 **structures and histories, contributions and perspectives of individuals**  
20 **who:**

21       **“(A) Are Alaska Native, Native American, Black, African American,**  
22 **Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Latinx or Middle Eastern;**

23       **“(B) Are women;**

24       **“(C) Have disabilities;**

25       **“(D) Are immigrants or refugees;**

26       **“(E) Are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit,**  
27 **intersex, asexual, nonbinary or another minority gender identity or**  
28 **sexual orientation; or**

29       **“(F) Have experienced disproportionate results in education due to**  
30 **historical practices; and**

1       **“(f) Promote the creation of school cultures that support kindness,**  
2 **care, connection, equity, diversity and inclusion.**

3       **“(3) The advisory group shall submit a report to the board that de-**  
4 **scribes the proposed standards and framework. The board shall con-**  
5 **sider the report when adopting the standards and framework.**

6       **“(4) Subject to the direction from the board, the department shall**  
7 **determine the number and frequency of meetings to be held by the**  
8 **advisory group prior to the submission of the report required under**  
9 **subsection (3) of this section.**

10       **“SECTION 5. (1) The Department of Education shall convene the**  
11 **advisory group required by section 4 of this 2021 Act no later than**  
12 **September 1, 2021.**

13       **“(2) The report required under section 4 of this 2021 Act must be**  
14 **submitted to the State Board of Education no later than September**  
15 **15, 2022.**

16       **“(3) The board shall adopt social emotional learning standards and**  
17 **the social emotional framework described in section 4 of this 2021 Act**  
18 **no later than September 15, 2023.**

19       **“(4) The board shall require school districts to implement the**  
20 **standards and framework no later than July 1, 2024.**

21       **“SECTION 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2021 Act are repealed on Jan-**  
22 **uary 2, 2025.**

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## **“EDUCATOR EQUITY**

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26       **“SECTION 7. ORS 342.437 is amended to read:**

27       **“342.437. (1) As a result of this state’s commitment to equality for the**  
28 **diverse peoples of this state, the goal of the state is that the percentage of**  
29 **diverse educators employed by a school district or an education service dis-**  
30 **trict reflects the percentage of diverse students in the public schools of this**

1 state or the percentage of diverse students in the district.

2 “(2) [*The Department of Education*] **The State Board of Education, in**  
3 **consultation with the Educator Advancement Council,** shall use federal  
4 reports on educator equity to monitor school district and education service  
5 district progress on meeting the goal described in subsection (1) of this sec-  
6 tion, in relation to the recruitment, hiring and retention of diverse educa-  
7 tors.

8 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 326.051 is amended to read:

9 “326.051. Subject to ORS 417.300 and 417.305:

10 “(1) In addition to such other duties as are prescribed by law and pursu-  
11 ant to the requirement of ORS chapter 183, the State Board of Education  
12 shall:

13 “(a) Establish state standards for public kindergartens and public ele-  
14 mentary and secondary schools consistent with the policies stated in ORS  
15 326.011.

16 “(b) Adopt rules for the general governance of public kindergartens and  
17 public elementary and secondary schools.

18 “(c) Prescribe required or minimum courses of study.

19 **“(d) Adopt rules for public kindergartens and public elementary and**  
20 **secondary schools consistent with the policy stated in ORS 342.437.**

21 “[*d*] (e) Adopt rules regarding school and interscholastic activities.

22 “[*e*] (f) Adopt rules that provide that no public elementary or secondary  
23 school shall discriminate in determining participation in interscholastic ac-  
24 tivities. As used in this paragraph, ‘discrimination’ has the meaning given  
25 that term in ORS 659.850.

26 “[*f*] (g) Adopt rules that will eliminate the use and purchase of ele-  
27 mental mercury, mercury compounds and mercury-added instructional mate-  
28 rials by public elementary and secondary schools.

29 “(2) The State Board of Education may:

30 “(a) Consistent with the laws of this state, accept money or property not

1 otherwise provided for under paragraph (b) of this subsection, which is do-  
2 nated for the use or benefit of the public kindergartens and public elemen-  
3 tary and secondary schools and use such money or property for the purpose  
4 for which it was donated. Until it is used, the board shall deposit any money  
5 received under this paragraph in a special fund with the State Treasurer as  
6 provided in ORS 293.265 to 293.275.

7 “(b) Apply for federal funds and accept and enter into any contracts or  
8 agreements on behalf of the state for the receipt of such funds from the  
9 federal government or its agencies for:

10 “(A) Educational purposes, including but not limited to any funds avail-  
11 able for the school lunch program;

12 “(B) Career and technical education programs in public elementary and  
13 secondary schools; and

14 “(C) Any grants available to the state or its political subdivisions for  
15 general federal aid for public kindergartens, public elementary schools and  
16 public secondary schools and their auxiliary services, improvement of  
17 teacher preparation, teacher salaries, construction of school buildings, ad-  
18 ministration of the Department of Education and any other educational ac-  
19 tivities under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education.

20 “(c) Adopt rules to administer the United States Department of  
21 Agriculture’s National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program  
22 for public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools and resi-  
23 dential child care facilities.

24 “**SECTION 9.** ORS 342.147, as amended by section 8, chapter 756, Oregon  
25 Laws 2015, and section 2, chapter 317, Oregon Laws 2017, is amended to read:

26 “342.147. [(1)(a)] (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
27 shall establish by rule standards for approval of educator preparation pro-  
28 viders and educator preparation programs.

29 “(2) **Standards for approval of an educator preparation provider may**  
30 **allow approval of an institution of higher education, a school district,**

1 **an education service district or any other entity that sponsors or**  
2 **provides an educator preparation program.**

3 “[*b*] **(3)(a)** Standards for approval of an educator preparation program  
4 must include:

5 “(A) Requiring an educator preparation program to be accredited by a  
6 national organization that represents teachers, policymakers and teacher  
7 educators and that provides accreditation based on nationally recognized  
8 standards and on evidence-based measures; and

9 “(B) Approving a public educator preparation program of more than four  
10 years’ duration only if educator preparation programs that are reasonably  
11 attainable in a four-year period, **or the equivalent**, are also available in the  
12 system of higher education and are designed to culminate in a baccalaureate  
13 degree that qualifies their graduates for entry-level teaching licenses.

14 “[*c*] **(b)** Standards for approval of an educator preparation program for  
15 early childhood education, elementary education, special education or read-  
16 ing must require that:

17 “(A) The program provide instruction on dyslexia and other reading dif-  
18 ficulties; and

19 “(B) The instruction on dyslexia be consistent with the knowledge and  
20 practice standards of an international organization on dyslexia.

21 **“(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(a)(A) of this section, stan-**  
22 **dards for approval of an educator preparation program may allow an**  
23 **educator preparation program to operate provisionally without ac-**  
24 **creditation by a national organization if the educator preparation**  
25 **program is a nontraditional pathway to licensure program.**

26 **“(b) A nontraditional pathway to licensure program shall be con-**  
27 **sidered an approved educator preparation program if the nontradi-**  
28 **tional pathway to licensure program complies with standards**  
29 **established by the commission. The commission shall establish stan-**  
30 **dards for nontraditional pathway to licensure programs that:**

1       **“(A) Are substantially similar to standards established by the com-**  
2 **mission for educator preparation programs; and**

3       **“(B) Require the commission to consider the capacity of educator**  
4 **preparation programs to meet this state’s educator workforce demands**  
5 **prior to approval.**

6       **“(c) Nothing in this subsection requires a nontraditional pathway**  
7 **to licensure program to:**

8       **“(A) Culminate in the granting of a degree; or**

9       **“(B) Prohibit a candidate from being employed as an educator while**  
10 **participating in the program.**

11       **“(d) An approved educator preparation program that operates pro-**  
12 **visionally as provided by this subsection may not operate provisionally**  
13 **for more than seven years from the date that the educator preparation**  
14 **program first received approval to operate provisionally.**

15       **“[(2)] (5) The commission shall adopt rules that:**

16       **“(a) Require approved educator preparation programs for early childhood**  
17 **education, elementary education, special education or reading to demonstrate**  
18 **that candidates enrolled in the programs receive training to provide in-**  
19 **struction that enables students to meet or exceed third-grade reading stan-**  
20 **dards and become proficient readers by the end of the third grade, as**  
21 **designated by the State Board of Education. For the purposes of this para-**  
22 **graph, an approved educator preparation program may make the demon-**  
23 **stration through course curriculum, approved textbooks or other program**  
24 **requirements.**

25       **“(b) Allow approved educator preparation programs leading to graduate**  
26 **degrees to commence prior to the candidate’s completion of baccalaureate**  
27 **degree requirements and to combine undergraduate and graduate level course**  
28 **work in achieving program completion.**

29       **“[(3)] (6) Whenever any educator preparation provider or educator prepa-**  
30 **ration program is denied approved status or has such status withdrawn, the**



1 denial or withdrawal must be treated as a contested case under ORS chapter  
2 183.

3 “[~~(4)~~] (7) Nothing in this section is intended to grant to the Teacher  
4 Standards and Practices Commission any authority relating to granting de-  
5 grees or establishing degree requirements that are within the authority of  
6 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or any of the public uni-  
7 versities listed in ORS 352.002, or that are within the authority of the gov-  
8 erning board of any private institution of higher education.

9 “**SECTION 10.** Section 4, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by  
10 section 10, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

11 “**Sec. 4.** (1) The Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account is  
12 established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General  
13 Fund. Interest earned by the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Ac-  
14 count shall be accredited to the account.

15 “(2) Moneys in the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account are  
16 continuously appropriated to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commis-  
17 sion to award grants to educator preparation programs for the purpose of  
18 having the programs accredited by the organization described in ORS 342.147  
19 [~~(1)(b)(A)~~] (3)(a)(A), as amended by section 8 [*of this 2015 Act*], **chapter 756,**  
20 **Oregon Laws 2015, section 2, chapter 317, Oregon Laws 2017, and sec-**  
21 **tion 9 of this 2021 Act.**

22 “**SECTION 11.** Section 5, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to  
23 read:

24 “**Sec. 5.** (1) The Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account es-  
25 tablished by section 4 [*of this 2015 Act*], **chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015,**  
26 is abolished on July 1, [~~2022~~] **2025.**

27 “(2) Any moneys remaining in the account on July 1, [~~2022~~] **2025,** that are  
28 unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall be trans-  
29 ferred to the General Fund on July 1, [~~2022~~] **2025.**

30 “**SECTION 12.** ORS 342.120 is amended to read:

1 “342.120. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

2 “(1) ‘Administrator’ includes but is not limited to all superintendents,  
3 assistant superintendents, principals and academic program directors in  
4 public schools or education service districts who have direct responsibility  
5 for supervision or evaluation of licensed teachers and who are compensated  
6 for their services from public funds.

7 “(2) ‘Administrative license’ means a license issued under ORS 342.125  
8 (3)(f) or (g).

9 “(3) ‘Approved educator preparation program’ means a licensure program  
10 that:

11 “(a) **Prepares persons to become educators in any grade from pre-**  
12 **primary through grade 12;**

13 “(b) Is offered by an approved educator preparation provider [*and*]; **and**

14 “(c) Meets the standards of the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-  
15 mission, **as provided by ORS 342.147.**

16 “(4) ‘Approved educator preparation provider’ means [*an entity*] **a sponsor**  
17 **or provider of an educator preparation program** that meets the standards  
18 of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission [*for preparation of li-*  
19 *icensed educators for preprimary programs through grade 12*], **as provided by**  
20 **ORS 342.147.**

21 “(5) ‘Instruction’ includes preparation of curriculum, assessment and di-  
22 rection of learning in class, in small groups, in individual situations, online,  
23 in the library and in guidance and counseling, but does not include the  
24 provision of related services, as defined in ORS 343.035, to a child identified  
25 as a child with a disability pursuant to ORS 343.146 to 343.183 when provided  
26 in accordance with ORS 343.221.

27 “(6) ‘Instructional assistant’ means a classified school employee who does  
28 not require a license to teach, who is employed by a school district or edu-  
29 cation service district and whose assignment consists of and is limited to  
30 assisting a licensed teacher in accordance with rules established by the

1 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

2 “(7) ‘Teacher’ includes all licensed employees in the public schools or  
3 employed by an education service district who have direct responsibility for  
4 instruction or coordination of educational programs and who are compen-  
5 sated for their services from public funds. ‘Teacher’ does not include a school  
6 nurse as defined in ORS 342.455 or an instructional assistant.

7 “(8) ‘Teaching license’ means a license issued under ORS 342.125 or  
8 342.144.

9 “(9) ‘Underrepresented person’ means:

10 “(a) A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa,  
11 but who is not Hispanic;

12 “(b) A person of Hispanic culture or origin;

13 “(c) A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far  
14 East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands; or

15 “(d) An American Indian or [*Alaskan*] **Alaska** Native having origins in  
16 any of the original peoples of North America.

17 **“SECTION 13.** ORS 348.295 is amended to read:

18 “348.295. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial aid au-  
19 thorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award  
20 scholarships to culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates to use  
21 at approved educator preparation providers, as defined in ORS 342.120, for  
22 the purpose of advancing the goal described in ORS 342.437.

23 “(2) Scholarships awarded under this section shall be in amounts of  
24 [*\$5,000*] **\$10,000** each academic year, for a maximum of two academic years.

25 “(3) The commission shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation  
26 and administration of this section in consultation with the Educator Ad-  
27 vancement Council and the Department of Education.

28 **“SECTION 14.** ORS 342.940 is amended to read:

29 “342.940. (1) As used in this section and ORS 342.943, ‘educator’ means a  
30 teacher, administrator or other school professional who is licensed, regis-

1 tered or certified by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

2 “[(2)(a) *The Educator Advancement Council is created, as provided by ORS*  
3 *190.010 (5) and with the authority described in ORS 190.110, for the purposes*  
4 *of providing resources related to educator professional learning and other ed-*  
5 *ucator supports.*]

6 “[(b) *The council shall function through an intergovernmental agreement,*  
7 *as provided by ORS 190.003 to 190.130. The intergovernmental agreement shall*  
8 *outline the governance framework and the administrative details necessary for*  
9 *the efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the council.*]

10 “[(3)(a) *The council shall consist of members who are representatives of the*  
11 *members of the intergovernmental agreement creating the council, including*  
12 *representatives of state agencies, school districts and education service*  
13 *districts.*]

14 “[(b) *In addition to the members of the council specified in paragraph (a)*  
15 *of this subsection, the council shall consist of members who are:*]

16 “[A] *Practicing educators, early learning providers and professionals and*  
17 *school district board members; and]*

18 “[B] *Representatives of educator preparation providers, education-focused*  
19 *nonprofit organizations, education-focused philanthropic organizations, profes-*  
20 *sional education associations, community-based education organizations that*  
21 *represent families and students, post-secondary institutions of education and*  
22 *federally recognized tribes of this state.*]

23 “[(c) *The majority of the members of the council identified under para-*  
24 *graphs (a) and (b) of this subsection may identify additional members of the*  
25 *council.*]

26 “(2) **The Educator Advancement Council shall be established and**  
27 **function under an intergovernmental agreement, pursuant to ORS**  
28 **190.003 to 190.130. The purposes of the council are to provide resources**  
29 **related to educator professional learning and to provide other educator**  
30 **supports.**

1       **“(3) Parties to the intergovernmental agreement establishing the**  
2 **council must include:**

3       **“(a) The Department of Education;**

4       **“(b) The Early Learning Division;**

5       **“(c) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission;**

6       **“(d) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission;**

7       **“(e) A school district; and**

8       **“(f) An education service district.**

9       **“(4) The intergovernmental agreement establishing the council shall**  
10 **outline the governance framework and the administrative details nec-**  
11 **essary for the efficient and effective implementation of the duties of**  
12 **the council, including:**

13       **“(a) Designating the maximum number of members of the council.**

14       **“(b) Identifying the process for the council to select the chairperson**  
15 **of the council. The chairperson must be one of the members of the**  
16 **council and shall be responsible for overseeing official council busi-**  
17 **ness.**

18       **“(c) Identifying the process for the council to appoint the executive**  
19 **director of the council. Appointment of the executive director must**  
20 **be by written order, filed with the Secretary of State, and the execu-**  
21 **tive director shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The executive**  
22 **director shall be responsible for the daily operations of the council,**  
23 **including the appointment of all subordinate officers and employees**  
24 **of the council. Officers and employees of the council shall be consid-**  
25 **ered persons in state service for purposes of ORS chapter 240, and,**  
26 **subject to ORS chapter 240, the executive director shall prescribe their**  
27 **duties and fix their compensation.**

28       **“(5)(a) The council shall consist of:**

29       **“(A) Members who are representatives of the parties to the inter-**  
30 **governmental agreement establishing the council, as identified in**

1 subsection (3) of this section.

2 “(B) No more than 10 members who are practicing educators, early  
3 learning providers and professionals and school district board mem-  
4 bers.

5 “(C) No more than 10 members who are representatives of educator  
6 preparation providers, education-focused nonprofit organizations,  
7 education-focused philanthropic organizations, professional education  
8 associations, community-based education organizations that represent  
9 families and students, post-secondary institutions of education and  
10 federally recognized Indian tribes of this state.

11 “(b) Subject to any limits designated as provided by the intergov-  
12 ernmental agreement establishing the council, the majority of the  
13 members of the council identified under paragraph (a) of this sub-  
14 section may propose additional members of the council. The inclusion  
15 of additional members on the council shall be subject to the proce-  
16 dures established by the council under the intergovernmental agree-  
17 ment.

18 “[4] (6) The council shall:

19 “(a) Establish a system of educator networks, as described in ORS 342.943,  
20 by which every educator in this state has access to professional learning  
21 opportunities;

22 “(b) Coordinate the distribution of moneys to educator networks from the  
23 Educator Advancement Fund based on the needs of the educators identified  
24 by the networks;

25 “(c) Connect educator networks and facilitate communications within and  
26 among the networks to improve teaching and learning; and

27 “(d) Continuously assess the needs of educators in this state and coordi-  
28 nate priorities based on the moneys available for distribution from the Edu-  
29 cator Advancement Fund.

30 “[5] (7) The Department of Education shall provide support to the stra-

1 tegic direction of the council by:

2 “(a) Conducting and coordinating research to monitor:

3 “(A) Teaching and learning conditions;

4 “(B) Educator workforce supply and demand; and

5 “(C) Common outcomes and measures anticipated to promote improvement  
6 in teaching and learning.

7 “(b) Assisting the council in coordinating and connecting educator net-  
8 works, supporting professional learning priorities, enabling access to profes-  
9 sional learning and supports, leveraging funding sources and managing  
10 innovation funds.

11 “(c) Recommending statutory and agency rule changes needed to support  
12 the purposes of the council.

13 “(d) Supporting programs that help to achieve the purposes of the Edu-  
14 cators Equity Act.

15 “(e) Supporting a statewide plan for increasing:

16 “(A) The supply of culturally diverse teacher candidates; and

17 “(B) The successful recruitment of effective educators to work in high-  
18 need schools and in practice areas with a shortage of educators.

19 “(f) Identifying high-leverage educator practices to be developed by edu-  
20 cators throughout their careers.

21 “(g) Providing accountability of the council by ensuring that the council:

22 “(A) Gives preference, when making recommendations about funding dis-  
23 tributions, to entities that have demonstrated success in improving student  
24 indicators.

25 “(B) Considers the delivery of services for the benefit of all regions of this  
26 state when establishing the system of educator networks.

27 “(C) Works toward improving student progress indicators identified by the  
28 Department of Education or set forth in ORS 350.014.

29 “(D) Includes and connects education providers and leaders from  
30 prekindergarten through post-secondary education.

1 “(h) Providing staff support for the administrative functions of the coun-  
2 cil.

3 “(i) Developing a system that allows for the statewide dissemination of  
4 emerging practices and evidence-based models.

5 “(j) Providing technical assistance to the council, including online sys-  
6 tems for sharing professional learning resources and supporting educator  
7 networks.

8 “(k) Administering the distribution of grant and contract funds for pro-  
9 grams described in this section.

10 “(L) Providing administrative support to the educator networks, includ-  
11 ing:

12 “(A) Making recommendations to the council about the selection of the  
13 sponsors of educator networks;

14 “(B) Providing technical assistance to educator networks; and

15 “(C) Entering into grant agreements or contracts for the distribution of  
16 funds to educator networks.

17 “[~~(6)(a)~~] **(8)(a)** The State Board of Education and the Teacher Standards  
18 and Practices Commission may adopt any rules necessary at the request of  
19 the council to support the council or to perform any duties assigned to the  
20 board or commission under this section.

21 “(b) The council may adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 for the  
22 purpose of ORS 342.943.

23 **“(9) The council shall be considered a board for purposes of ORS  
24 chapter 180.**

25 **“SECTION 15. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
27 declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.”.**

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