

House Bill 2675

Sponsored by Representative BURLEY; Representatives D EDWARDS, OLSON, WHISNANT

SUMMARY

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Changes date by which school district must give notice of contract renewal to probationary teacher.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to notice of teacher contract renewal; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 342.835.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.835 is amended to read:

4 342.835. (1) The district board of any fair dismissal district may discharge or remove any
5 probationary teacher in the employ of the district at any time during a probationary period for any
6 cause considered in good faith sufficient by the board. The probationary teacher shall be given a
7 written copy of the reasons for the dismissal, and upon request shall be provided a hearing thereon
8 by the board, at which time the probationary teacher shall have the opportunity to be heard either
9 in person or by a representative of the teacher's choice.

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11 (2) For any cause it may deem in good faith sufficient, the district board may refuse to renew
12 the contract of any probationary teacher. However, the teacher shall be entitled to notice of the
13 intended action by [*April 1*] **March 15**, and upon request shall be provided a hearing before the
14 district board. Upon request of the probationary teacher the board shall provide the probationary
15 teacher a written copy of the reasons for the nonrenewal, which shall provide the basis for the
16 hearing.

17 (3) If an appeal is taken from any hearing, the appeal shall be to the circuit court for the county
18 in which the headquarters of the school district is located and shall be limited to the following:

19 (a) The procedures at the hearing;

20 (b) Whether the written copy of reasons for dismissal required by this section was supplied; and

21 (c) In the case of nonrenewal, whether notice of nonrenewal was timely given.

22 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 342.835 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to con-
23 tracts renewed on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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