

Senate Bill 567

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS

SUMMARY

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Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish endorsement in autism spectrum disorders. Specifies requirements for person to qualify for endorsement.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to teacher specialization in autism spectrum disorder.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 342.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish an**
6 **endorsement in autism spectrum disorders.**

7 **(2) An endorsement in autism spectrum disorders may be granted only to a person who:**

8 **(a) Holds a continuing teaching license with an endorsement in special education or who**
9 **holds a license as a school psychologist or a speech-language pathologist;**

10 **(b) Has a minimum of three years of experience in providing instruction to students with**
11 **autism spectrum disorders, which may include participation in a planned education program**
12 **consisting of courses taken at an approved teacher education institution or participation in**
13 **an in-service training program; and**

14 **(c) Meets any other standards established by the commission by rule after consulting**
15 **with experts on autism spectrum disorders.**

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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. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.