

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 78 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Modifies requirements for becoming approved teacher education program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$200,000	
Other Funds	83,643	
Total Funds	\$283,643	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.50	

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The bill requires the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to establish standards related to a teacher education program to be accredited by a national organization, as well as adopt standards related to the approval of a public teacher education program of more than four years duration. The Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account is established and \$200,000 General Fund is appropriated to the account; then on July 1, 2022 the account is abolished and any moneys remaining that are unexpended, unobligated, and not subject to any conditions, are to be transferred to the General Fund.

State accreditation grant funds are supported by the \$200,000 General Fund appropriation contained in the bill. Other implementation costs include the need for one limited-duration Principal Executive/Management position (.50 FTE) at an estimated cost of \$83,643 Other Funds for the 2015-17 biennium; and will be supported by licensure and fingerprint fees collected by the TSPC. The position will develop rules and accreditation standards with stakeholder input. Furthermore, the bill does not differentiate between currently funded nationally accredited programs and already funded programs, so a formula for distribution will also need to be developed by the position.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the TSPC has not had any grant-funding experience in the past 15 years and does not have an automated system for grant tracking and accounting purposes; therefore this grant program will be highly labor dependent. Should funding for the grant program be appropriated after the 2015-17 budget cycle, the agency will likely incur costs, which have not been accounted for in this analysis, for personnel or the acquisition of information technology to track and manage the grants.