

# House Bill 3135

Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON

## SUMMARY

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Requires applicants for initial teaching license to demonstrate proficiency in providing reading instruction.

Takes effect July 1, 2016.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to required educator proficiencies for reading instruction; creating new provisions; amend-  
3 ing ORS 342.136; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.136 is amended to read:

6 342.136. (1) An initial teaching, personnel service or administrative license shall qualify its  
7 holder to accept any assignment from preprimary through grade 12 for which the holder has com-  
8 pleted the requirements established by the rules of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commis-  
9 sion.

10 (2)(a) An initial license shall be issued on application to an otherwise qualified person who has  
11 completed an approved professional education program and meets such other requirements as the  
12 commission may consider necessary to maintain and improve the quality of instruction in the public  
13 schools of the state.

14 **(b) The requirements of the commission must specify the number of hours and the**  
15 **standards an applicant for an initial teaching license must meet to demonstrate proficiency**  
16 **in providing reading instruction.**

17 (3) An initial license may be renewed if the applicant meets the requirements established by the  
18 commission by rule and may be renewed every three years up to three times.

19 (4) The commission shall develop a process that allows a teacher holding an initial teaching li-  
20 cense to renew the initial teaching license after the time limit imposed by subsection (3) of this  
21 section if the teacher does not qualify for a professional teaching license due to lack of employment.

22 **SECTION 2.** **The amendments to ORS 342.136 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to li-**  
23 **censes issued on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

24 **SECTION 3.** **This 2015 Act takes effect on July 1, 2016.**  
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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.