

# House Bill 3166

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## SUMMARY

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Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish standards that allow certain persons to teach noncore courses.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to teacher licensing.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 342.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) **"Community accreditation committee" means a committee of five members who are**  
7 **selected by a school district board and who approve and evaluate persons licensed under this**  
8 **section.**

9 (b)(A) **"Noncore course" includes courses:**

10 (i) **In career and technical education; and**

11 (ii) **In programs in which the subjects are highly interdependent, including courses of-**  
12 **fered as part of a science, technology, engineering and mathematics program.**

13 (B) **"Noncore course" does not include courses for which the State Board of Education**  
14 **has adopted academic content standards as provided by ORS 329.045.**

15 (2) **The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish licensing and**  
16 **endorsement standards that allow a person to teach a noncore course if the person:**

17 (a) **Is a licensed teacher and has skills in a noncore course subject even if the person**  
18 **does not have an academic background in the noncore course subject; or**

19 (b) **Has skills in a noncore course subject and is able to effectively communicate with**  
20 **students to teach those skills even if the person does not have an academic background in**  
21 **teaching.**

22 (3) **When establishing the standards under subsection (2) of this section, the commission**  
23 **shall:**

24 (a) **Identify methods for measuring the performance of teachers of noncore course sub-**  
25 **jects that relate to student performance based on learning targets.**

26 (b) **Establish requirements for a teaching license for persons described in subsection**  
27 **(2)(b) of this section, which may include:**

28 (A) **A renewable, one-year license that is limited to the school district in which the per-**  
29 **son is teaching; and**

30 (B) **A renewable, five-year license for any school district in this state after the person**  
31 **has taught noncore courses for five or more years and has met other requirements estab-**

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1 lished by the commission.

2 (c) Require a person described in subsection (2) of this section to receive approval from  
3 the school district board, school district and community accreditation committee prior to  
4 teaching a noncore course.

5 (d) Allow a person described in subsection (2)(a) of this section or a person without a li-  
6 cense described in paragraph (b)(B) of this subsection to continue to teach a noncore course  
7 only if:

8 (A) The school district board, school district and community accreditation committee do  
9 not revoke approval for the continuation; and

10 (B) The person is highly effective, based on high student performance and annual evalu-  
11 ations.

12 (4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 342.850, a person described in subsection (2)(a) of this section  
13 who teaches a noncore course under this section may not be required to agree to a written  
14 program of assistance for improvement and may not otherwise be reprimanded or be sub-  
15 jected to other actions as a result of poor student performance in a noncore course but may  
16 be removed from teaching the noncore course.

17 (b) The commission may not renew a license described in subsection (3)(b)(A) if approval  
18 for the person is revoked as provided by subsection (3)(d) of this section.

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