Senate Bill 483

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Removes requirement of Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to charge additional fee when applicant fails to make timely application for renewal of license or registration. Sunsets January 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to fees imposed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission; creating new pro-

3 visions; and amending ORS 342.127.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.127 is amended to read:

342.127. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish and the commission
 shall collect:

8 (a) A fee not to exceed \$100 for evaluation of the initial application for each teaching license 9 for which application is made. If the applicant is eligible for the teaching license for which appli-10 cation is made and the license is issued within 90 days of original application, the commission shall 11 issue the license without additional charge.

(b) A fee not to exceed \$100 for the renewal of each teaching license and a fee not to exceed
\$20 for each duplicate teaching license.

(c) A fee not to exceed \$800 for a beginning teacher assessment conducted in lieu of an approved
 preparation program required for licensure.

(d) A fee not to exceed \$200 for alternative assessment conducted in lieu of a passing score on
 a licensure examination established by the commission.

(e) A fee not to exceed \$75 for registration as a public charter school teacher or administrator
 that includes any fee charged pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 181.534.

20 (f) A fee not to exceed \$75 for renewal of a registration as a public charter school teacher or 21 administrator that includes any fee charged pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 181.534.

(2) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of a teaching
license, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$150 for
the evaluation of an applicant requesting licensing based upon completion of other than an Oregon
approved teacher education program.

[(3) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall collect a late application fee not to exceed \$25 per month up to a maximum of \$125 from an applicant who fails to make timely application for renewal of the license or registration. The actual amount of the fee shall be determined in accordance with rules of the Teacher Stan-

30 dards and Practices Commission.]

31 [(4)] (3) In spite of the expiration date posted on the license, the license shall continue to be

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1 valid for purposes of ORS 342.173 for an additional 120 days. However, the district may require a

2 statement from the applicant indicating that the applicant has completed the requirements for li-

3 cense renewal.

4 [(5)] (4) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of a 5 teaching license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$150 for the reinstatement of a 6 license that has been revoked by the commission for gross neglect of duty or gross unfitness under 7 ORS 342.175.

8 [(6)] (5) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of a 9 teaching license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$100 for the issuance of any 10 emergency license through an expedited process at the request of any school district or education 11 service district that seeks to employ the applicant.

12 [(7)] (6) Fee rates established under this section shall cover, but not exceed, the full cost of 13 administrative expenses incurred by the commission during any biennium.

14 <u>SECTION 2.</u> The amendments to ORS 342.127 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to ap-15 plications received by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission on or after the ef-16 fective date of this 2015 Act and before January 1, 2021.

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10 [(6)] (7) Fee rates established under this section shall cover, but not exceed, the full cost of 11 administrative expenses incurred by the commission during any biennium.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> The amendments to ORS 342.127 by section 3 of this 2015 Act apply to applications received by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission on or after January
 1, 2021.

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