

**B-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 78**

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

- Modifies requirements for becoming approved teacher education program.
- Establishes Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account to enable Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to award grants to teacher education programs for certain accreditation.
- Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to teacher education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.147; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.147 is amended to read:

6 342.147. (1) After considering recommendations of the State Board of Education, the Teacher  
7 Standards and Practices Commission shall establish by rule standards for approval of teacher edu-  
8 cation institutions and teacher education programs. [*Public teacher education institutions shall be*  
9 *approved for programs of more than four years' duration only if teacher education programs which are*  
10 *reasonably attainable in a four-year period are also available in the system of higher education and*  
11 *are designed to culminate in a baccalaureate degree that qualifies its graduates for entry-level teaching*  
12 *licenses.*]

13 **(2) The commission shall establish standards for approval that shall include:**

14 **(a) Requiring a teacher education program to be accredited by a national organization**  
15 **that represents teachers, policymakers and teacher educators and that provides accredi-**  
16 **tation based on nationally recognized standards and on evidence-based measures; and**

17 **(b) Approving a public teacher education program of more than four years' duration only**  
18 **if teacher education programs that are reasonably attainable in a four-year period are also**  
19 **available in the system of higher education and are designed to culminate in a baccalaureate**  
20 **degree that qualifies their graduates for entry-level teaching licenses.**

21 [(2)] **(3) The commission shall establish rules for teacher education institutions and teacher**  
22 **education programs that allow:**

23 **(a) Teacher education programs leading to graduate degrees to commence prior to the student's**  
24 **completion of baccalaureate degree requirements [*and that allow*]; and**

25 **(b) The combined use of undergraduate and graduate level course work in achieving program**  
26 **completion.**

**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.

1        [(3)] (4) Whenever any teacher education institution or program is denied approved status or  
2 has such status withdrawn, [such] **the** denial or withdrawal must be treated as a contested case  
3 within the meaning of ORS chapter 183.

4        [(4)] (5) Nothing in this section is intended to grant any authority to the commission relating  
5 to granting degrees or establishing degree requirements that are within the authority of the State  
6 Board of Higher Education or any of the public universities listed in ORS 352.002, or that are within  
7 the authority of the governing board of any private institution of higher education.

8        **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 342.147 by section 1 of this 2015 Act become oper-**  
9 **ative on July 1, 2022.**

10        **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 342.**

11        **SECTION 4. (1) The Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account is established in**  
12 **the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the**  
13 **Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account shall be accredited to the account.**

14        **(2) Moneys in the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account are continuously**  
15 **appropriated to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to award grants to teacher**  
16 **education programs for the purpose of having the programs accredited by the organization**  
17 **described in ORS 342.147 (2)(a), as amended by section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

18        **SECTION 5. (1) The Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account established by**  
19 **section 4 of this 2015 Act is abolished on July 1, 2022.**

20        **(2) Any moneys remaining in the account on July 1, 2022, that are unexpended, unobli-**  
21 **gated and not subject to any conditions shall be transferred to the General Fund on July 1,**  
22 **2022.**

23        **SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
24 **ated to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, for the biennium beginning July**  
25 **1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$200,000, which shall be transferred to the**  
26 **Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account established in section 4 of this 2015 Act.**

27        **SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the limitation on**  
28 **expenditures established by section 1, chapter \_\_, Oregon Laws 2015 (Enrolled Senate Bill**  
29 **5538), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses**  
30 **from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery**  
31 **funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-**  
32 **mission, is increased by \$83,643 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 342.147,**  
33 **as amended by section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

34        **SECTION 8. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
35 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
36 **on its passage.**

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