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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.

Establishes supervised clinical practice experience requirements for applicants for initial teaching license.

Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to convene work group to assist with implementation of requirements.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to teacher training; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.136 and 342.223; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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 **license, initial** personnel service **license** or **initial** administra-
7 tive license shall qualify its holder to accept any assignment from preprimary through grade 12 for
8 which the holder has completed the requirements established by the rules of the Teacher Standards
9 and Practices Commission.

10 (2) An initial **teaching license, initial personnel service license or initial administrative** li-
11 cense shall be issued on application to an otherwise qualified [*person*] **applicant** who has completed
12 an approved professional education program and meets such other requirements as the commission
13 may consider necessary to maintain and improve the quality of instruction in the public schools of
14 the state.

15 (3) **In addition to any requirements imposed under subsections (1) and (2) of this section,**
16 **an applicant for an initial teaching license must complete a supervised clinical practice ex-**
17 **perience. The supervised clinical practice experience:**

18 (a) **May include student teaching, internships, observations and similar experiences;**

19 (b) **Must be under the direction of:**

20 (A) **A supervisor from the approved teacher education program where the applicant is a**
21 **student; and**

22 (B) **A teacher who is from the school district where the applicant is completing the**
23 **supervised clinical practice experience and who:**

24 (i) **Possesses a teaching license issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commis-**
25 **sion;**

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 (ii) Has been an effective teacher for three or more years, as determined under rules
2 adopted by the commission; and

3 (iii) Is trained to supervise the applicant during the applicant's supervised clinical prac-
4 tice experience and to work in partnership with the applicant's supervisor from an approved
5 teacher education program; and

6 (c) Must comply with other requirements adopted by the commission by rule.

7 [(3)] (4) An initial **teaching license, initial personnel service license or initial administrative**
8 **license** may be renewed if the applicant meets the requirements established by the commission by
9 rule and may be renewed every three years up to three times.

10 [(4)] (5) The commission shall develop a process that allows a teacher holding an initial teaching
11 license to renew the initial teaching license after the time limit imposed by subsection [(3)] (4) of
12 this section if the teacher does not qualify for a professional teaching license due to lack of em-
13 ployment.

14 **SECTION 2.** (1) The amendments to ORS 342.136 by section 1 of this 2015 Act become
15 operative on July 1, 2020.

16 (2) The amendments to ORS 342.136 by section 1 of this 2015 Act first apply to the
17 2020-2021 school year.

18 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall convene a work
19 group to meet throughout the 2015-2017 biennium and to assist with the implementation of
20 the requirements in ORS 342.136 related to supervised clinical practice experiences.

21 (2) The work group shall include teachers who supervise teacher candidates during a
22 clinical practice experience and representatives of teacher education programs, public and
23 private universities, school districts and nonprofit organizations.

24 (3) The work group shall:

25 (a) Develop standards and guidelines for the training of teachers who supervise persons
26 during a supervised clinical practice experience.

27 (b) Recommend any legislative changes necessary for the implementation of require-
28 ments related to supervised clinical practice experiences.

29 (c) Identify possible funding sources necessary for the implementation of requirements
30 related to supervised clinical practice experiences.

31 (d) Develop a plan that provides for the training of teachers from school districts who
32 will provide supervision during supervised clinical practice experiences so that:

33 (A) 500 teachers are trained each school year from the 2017-2018 school year until the
34 2020-2021 school year; and

35 (B) 100 teachers are trained during the 2020-2021 school year and each subsequent school
36 year.

37 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this 2015 Act is repealed July 1, 2017.

38 **SECTION 5.** ORS 342.223 is amended to read:

39 342.223. (1) For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under
40 ORS 181.534, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may require the fingerprints of:

41 (a) A person who is applying for initial issuance of a license under ORS 342.120 to 342.430 as
42 a teacher, administrator or personnel specialist if the person has not submitted to a criminal records
43 check by the commission within the previous year.

44 (b) A person who is applying for reinstatement of a license as a teacher, administrator or per-
45 sonnel specialist whose license has lapsed for at least three years.

1 (c) A person who is applying for initial issuance of a certificate under ORS 342.475 as a school
2 nurse.

3 (d) A person who is registering with the commission for [*student teaching*] **supervised clinical**
4 **practice experience**, practicum or internship as a teacher, administrator or personnel specialist, if
5 the person has not submitted to a criminal records check by the commission within the previous
6 three years for student teaching, practicum or internship as a teacher, administrator or personnel
7 specialist.

8 (e) A person who is applying for initial issuance of a registration as a public charter school
9 teacher or administrator under ORS 342.125.

10 (2) The making of any false statement as to the conviction of a crime is grounds for refusal to
11 issue, renew or reinstate a license, certificate or registration and is in addition to the grounds stated
12 in ORS 342.143.

13 (3) A person may appeal the refusal to issue an initial license, certificate or registration under
14 this section as a contested case under ORS 183.413 to 183.470, but the refusal to renew or reinstate
15 a license or registration is subject to ORS 342.175 to 342.180, and the commission shall notify the
16 person of the right to appeal.

17 **SECTION 6. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**

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