

Enrolled Senate Bill 83

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to teacher training; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.136 and 342.223; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 342.136 is amended to read:

342.136. (1) An initial teaching **license**, **initial** personnel service **license** or **initial** administrative license shall qualify its holder to accept any assignment from preprimary through grade 12 for which the holder has completed the requirements established by the rules of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

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

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

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

(b) Must be under the direction of:

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

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

(i) Possesses a teaching license issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) The work group shall:

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

(b) Recommend any legislative changes necessary for the implementation of requirements related to supervised clinical practice experiences.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5. ORS 342.223 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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