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House Bill 2763

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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.

Authorizes Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to disburse moneys from National Board Certification Fund for reimbursement of certain costs related to national board certification of teachers. Expands sources of moneys for fund[*, including distributions from Network of Quality Teaching and Learning*].

Directs commission to renew, without charge, license of educator who is certified by national professional organization for teaching standards.

Directs commission to submit to legislative committees of Legislative Assembly report related to national board certification of teachers.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 2 Relating to teachers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 342.122 and 342.127.

3 4 Whereas teachers play a critical role in preparing students to achieve the high academic stan-
dards expected under the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century; and

5 6 Whereas it is important to identify and reward teaching excellence and to encourage good
teachers to become excellent teachers; and

7 8 Whereas the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was created to improve the
quality of teaching; and

9 10 Whereas the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has established high and rig-
orous standards for accomplished teaching and has developed a national voluntary system for as-
sessing and certifying teachers who demonstrate teaching excellence by meeting those standards;
and

11 Whereas this voluntary, advanced certification does not replace Oregon teacher licensing; and

12 Whereas 20 years of research has shown that students taught by teachers who hold national
board certification have improved the learning outcomes of students, especially minority and low-
income students; and

13 Whereas currently only one percent of the licensed teachers in this state have achieved national
board certification; and

14 Whereas this state should aspire to having at least 10 percent of its licensed teachers achieve
national board certification; and

15 Whereas it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly to provide incentives for teachers to seek
national board certification and to reward teachers who demonstrate teaching excellence by at-
taining national board certification and sharing their expertise with other teachers; and

16 Whereas it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly to increase the number of national board

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 certified teachers in this state to five percent of all public school teachers by 2022; now, therefore,
2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.122 is amended to read:

4 342.122. (1) There is created the National Board Certification Fund, separate and distinct from
5 the General Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the National Board Certification Fund shall be
6 credited to the fund.

7 **(2) The National Board Certification Fund shall include any state or federal moneys made
8 available to the fund, including moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and federal
9 moneys made available to improve teacher quality through professional development.** The
10 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may accept from any source any grant, donation or
11 gift of money or other valuable thing made to the commission for purposes of the [National Board
12 Certification] fund.

13 (3) Moneys credited to the National Board Certification Fund are continuously appropriated to
14 the commission for the purposes set forth in subsections (4) and (5) of this section. The commission
15 may draw checks or orders upon the State Treasurer in making disbursements from the fund for the
16 purposes stated in this subsection.

17 (4) Moneys in the National Board Certification Fund shall be used to encourage **at least 150**
18 public school teachers [*and administrators*] in this state to apply for and attain certification **each**
19 **biennium** through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or any other national
20 professional organization for teaching standards designated by the Teacher Standards and Practices
21 Commission.

22 (5) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may disburse moneys from the National
23 Board Certification Fund to applicants for assistance with the direct costs of seeking and obtaining
24 national board certification, **including reimbursement for the costs of each of the components
25 necessary for certification and reimbursement for costs related to participating in a cohort
26 for certification. The commission may retain no more than 10 percent of all moneys received
27 under this section during a biennium from state and federal sources for the purpose of pay-
28 ing administrative expenses incurred by the commission under this subsection.** [*The commis-
29 sion shall manage the fund in a manner that provides support, but does not pay for all the costs of any
30 one application. Additionally, the commission shall manage the fund to provide continuous support to
31 as many applicants as possible.*]

32 (6) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall adopt rules that govern the dis-
33 bursement of moneys from the National Board Certification Fund consistent with this section.

34 **SECTION 2.** **The amendments to ORS 342.122 by section 1 of this 2017 Act become oper-
35 ative on July 1, 2018.**

36 **SECTION 3.** ORS 342.127 is amended to read:

37 342.127. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish and collect:

38 (a) A fee not to exceed \$350 for evaluation of the initial application for each educator license
39 for which application is made. If the applicant is eligible for the educator license for which appli-
40 cation is made, the commission shall issue the license without additional charge.

41 (b) A fee not to exceed \$350 for the renewal of each educator license and a fee not to exceed
42 \$50 for each official paper license. **If the educator is certified by a national professional org-
43 anization for teaching standards recognized by the commission, the commission shall renew
44 the license without charge.**

45 (c) A fee not to exceed \$800 for a beginning educator assessment conducted in lieu of an ap-

1 proved preparation program required for licensure.

2 (d) A fee not to exceed \$350 for registration as a public charter school teacher or administrator
3 that includes any fee charged pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 181A.195.

4 (e) A fee not to exceed \$350 for renewal of a registration as a public charter school teacher or
5 administrator that includes any fee charged pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 181A.195.

6 (2) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an edu-
7 cator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$150 for the evaluation of an appli-
8 cant requesting licensing based upon completion of an educator preparation program other than an
9 Oregon approved educator preparation program.

10 (3) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall collect
11 a late application fee not to exceed \$40 per month up to a maximum of \$200 from an applicant who
12 fails to make timely application for renewal of the license or registration. The actual amount of the
13 fee shall be determined in accordance with rules of the commission.

14 (4) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall collect
15 a late application fee not to exceed \$350 for the reinstatement of an expired license. The require-
16 ments for reinstatement and the actual amount of the fee shall be determined in accordance with
17 rules of the commission.

18 (5) Notwithstanding the expiration date posted on the license, the license shall continue to be
19 valid for an additional 120 days, provided the educator has made a timely application, as determined
20 by the commission, for renewal prior to the expiration date on the license.

21 (6) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an edu-
22 cator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$300 for the reinstatement of a license
23 that has been suspended or revoked by the commission for gross neglect of duty or gross unfitness
24 under ORS 342.175.

25 (7) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an edu-
26 cator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$200 for the issuance of any emer-
27 gency license through an expedited process at the request of any school district, public charter
28 school or education service district that seeks to employ the applicant. The fee shall be paid by the
29 school district, public charter school or education service district.

30 (8) Fees established under this section shall cover, but not exceed, the full cost of administrative
31 expenses incurred by the commission during any biennium.

32 **SECTION 4. No later than April 1, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission**
33 **shall submit a report to the legislative committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**
34 **education. The report must:**

35 (1) **Summarize the effects on the educational outcomes of this state as a result of the**
36 **increased number of teachers who hold national board certification;**

37 (2) **Summarize any annual increases in the number of teachers who hold national board**
38 **certification in this state; and**

39 (3) **Identify the level of funding necessary to increase the number of teachers who hold**
40 **national board certification in this state to 10 percent of all public school teachers.**

41 **SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
42 **ated to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, for the biennium beginning July**
43 **1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,700,000, for deposit into the National Board**
44 **Certification Fund established by ORS 342.122.**

45 **SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the limitation on**

1 **expenditures established by section 1, chapter __, Oregon Laws 2017 (Enrolled House Bill**
2 **5038), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses**
3 **from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery**
4 **funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-**
5 **mission, is increased by \$1,700,000 for the purposes of ORS 342.122 (5).**

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