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## SUMMARY

Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to adopt specified rules to increase number of teachers who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are training to work with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the licensure of teachers requiring specialized training related to a disability; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 342.127.

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

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 342.120 to 342.430.**

**SECTION 2. The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall adopt rules that promote an increase in the number of teachers who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are trained to work with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The rules shall allow for:**

**(1) The determination and approval under ORS 342.147 of out-of-state educator preparation programs that specialize in training candidates who are deaf or hard of hearing, or training candidates to work with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, when the commission determines that insufficient programs are available in this state to provide that training.**

**(2) The issuance of a license to an out-of-state applicant who has completed a course of study from an educator preparation program approved as provided by subsection (1) of this section without the need of the applicant to satisfy any licensure requirements prescribed by**

another state.

(3) The waiver of the fee prescribed under ORS 342.127 (2) for the evaluation of an applicant requesting licensing based upon completion of an educator preparation program other than an Oregon approved educator preparation program. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the commission from collecting any fee that otherwise would be imposed on an applicant who completed an Oregon approved educator preparation program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an educator license **and except as provided by section 2 of this 2023 Act**, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$150 for the

evaluation of an applicant requesting licensing based upon completion of an educator preparation program other than an Oregon approved educator preparation program.

(3) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall collect a late application fee not to exceed \$40 per month up to a maximum of \$200 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 commission.

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

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

(6) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an educator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$1,000 for the reinstatement of a license that has been suspended or revoked by the commission for gross neglect of duty or gross unfitness under ORS 342.175.

(7) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an educator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$200 for the issuance of any license through an expedited process under ORS 342.125 (6) at the request of any school district, public charter school or education service district that seeks to employ the applicant. The fee shall be paid by the school district, public charter school or education service district.

(8)(a) The commission shall establish and collect:

(A) A fee for each approved educator preparation provider, based on the

number of license applications received by the commission from the provider;  
and

(B) A fee for each approved educator preparation provider, based on the type of educator preparation programs that the provider offers.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission may establish and collect a flat fee for the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection if the number of teacher applicants enrolled in the educator preparation programs offered by the educator preparation provider does not exceed a number identified by the commission by rule.

(c) The method for determining the fee and the actual amount of the fee imposed under this subsection shall be determined in accordance with rules of the commission.

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

**SECTION 4.** ORS 342.127, as amended by section 4, chapter 647, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

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

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

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teacher or administrator that includes any fee charged pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 181A.195.

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(3) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall collect a late application fee not to exceed \$40 per month up to a maximum of \$200 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 commission.

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