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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (at the request of the Racial Justice Council)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2166

In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon insert "creating new provisions; amending ORS 326.051, 329A.280, 329A.330, 338.155, 340.073, 342.120, 342.147, 342.437, 342.940 and 348.295 and sections 4 and 5, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015;".

5 After line 2, insert:

6 "Whereas an equitable system of education means a system that enables 7 every child to have an equal chance for success in education; and

8 "Whereas an equitable system of education must take into consideration 9 the whole child, including the child's background, personal characteristics, 10 family situation, mental health and social emotional development; and

"Whereas all children deserve to receive high quality, culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate and inclusive early childhood care and education regardless of race, ethnicity, language or disability; and

Whereas not all children are given the same opportunity to succeed in education, as children in early childhood care or education programs are disproportionately disciplined based on race, ethnicity, language or disability; and

¹⁸ "Whereas there are limited opportunities for early childhood care and ¹⁹ education professionals who serve some of this state's most vulnerable low ²⁰ income families to access professional development resources that are cul-²¹ turally specific or language diverse or that are related to behavioral health; 1 and

Whereas providing resources and professional development to early childhood care professionals and educators could improve equity in education by reducing the disproportionate imposition of discipline, including suspension and expulsion; and

"Whereas social emotional learning is a central component of an integrated model of mental and emotional health that also includes racial equity,
trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multitiered
systems of support; and

¹⁰ "Whereas social emotional learning skills, in conjunction with racial eq-¹¹ uity, trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multi-¹² tiered systems of support, can contribute significantly to mental and ¹³ emotional health and overall health promotion and can be an integral part ¹⁴ of school culture, climate, safety and mental and physical health promotion ¹⁵ efforts; and

"Whereas social emotional learning skills, in conjunction with racial eq-16 uity, trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multi-17 tiered systems of support, can enable school communities to create just, 18 equitable and inclusive cultures in which all students, staff and leaders be-19 long and feel respected, valued and affirmed in their individual and inter-20sectional interests, talents, social identities, cultural values and 21backgrounds; and 22

²³ "Whereas social emotional learning skills, in conjunction with racial eq-²⁴ uity, trauma-informed principles and practices and strengths-based multi-²⁵ tiered systems of support, can help schools cultivate understanding, examine ²⁶ biases, reflect on and address the impact of racism, build cross-cultural re-²⁷ lationships and foster adult and student practices that close opportunity gaps ²⁸ and create more inclusive school communities that deliver high quality edu-²⁹ cational opportunities and outcomes for all students; and

30 "Whereas social emotional learning should be incorporated into all aca-

demic content standards as part of an integrated model of mental and emotional health, with the explicit goal being to promote antiracism and educational equity and to create conditions for all students to thrive; and

"Whereas this state's commitment to equity includes a culturally responsive educator workforce, which requires a vigorous and comprehensive commitment to relevant professional development and supports for educators who are serving this state's diverse learners; and

8 "Whereas high quality educator preparation and ongoing, effective pro-9 fessional development and supports for educators are critical variables to an 10 equitable education system, excellent teaching, educator retention and im-11 proved learning and development; and

¹² "Whereas recent actions taken by the Legislative Assembly have empha-¹³ sized the need to address professional development for educators who serve ¹⁴ children and students in early childhood and in kindergarten through grade ¹⁵ 12; and

"Whereas this state seeks to recruit and retain more diverse educators for the purposes of enhancing the capacity of all educators to create safe, equitable and inclusive learning environments and addressing institutional racism that limits opportunities for many children and students; now, therefore,".

21 Delete lines 4 through 15 and insert:

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23 "EARLY CHILDHOOD SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PREVENTION
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"<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion
 Prevention Program is established. The Early Learning Division shall
 administer the program as provided by this section.

"(2) The purposes of the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion
 Prevention Program are to:

30 "(a) Reduce the use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood

1 care and education programs; and

"(b) Reduce disparities in the use of suspension and expulsion in
early childhood care and education programs based on race, ethnicity,
language, ability or any other protected class identified by the Early
Learning Council by rule.

6 "(3) The Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention
7 Program shall achieve the purposes described in subsection (2) of this
8 section by:

9 "(a) Incorporating into early childhood care and education pro 10 grams racial equity, trauma-informed principles and practices and
 11 strengths-based multitiered systems of support;

"(b) Supporting the capacity of families, educators and early child hood care and education professionals to promote children's social
 emotional well-being and growth;

"(c) Creating a source for early childhood care and education pro fessionals to request technical assistance related to children's social
 emotional well-being and growth;

"(d) Building capacity in communities to deliver technical assist ance that supports:

20 "(A) Children's social emotional development;

21 **"(B) Children's positive racial identity development;**

"(C) Antibias practices in early childhood care and education pro grams; and

"(D) Inclusive practices in early childhood care and education pro grams;

"(e) Enhancing community-based supports for families that have a
 history of trauma, are involved in multiple systems of support or need
 connection to intervention services;

"(f) Providing early childhood care and education professionals with
 access to technical assistance to support the stability of placements

1 in early childhood care and education programs; and

"(g) Developing and supporting practices that reduce the use of
suspension or expulsion.

4 "(4) Under the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Pre5 vention Program, the Early Learning Division shall establish:

6 "(a) Common definitions related to antibias practices in early 7 childhood care and education;

8 "(b) Common definitions related to inclusive practices in early
9 childhood care and education;

"(c) Common definitions and guidelines for early childhood care and
 education suspension and expulsion;

"(d) Standards and guidelines for program administration and for
 the delivery of technical assistance services that are culturally re sponsive and that ensure technical assistance is implemented with a
 focus on antibias and inclusive practices;

16 "(e) Requirements for knowledge, skills and competencies for tech-17 nical assistance specialists and mental health consultants participat-18 ing in the program, with a focus on racial equity, the science of child 19 development, trauma-informed principles and practices, social emo-20 tional learning principles, antibias practices and inclusive practices;

"(f) Standards for data collection and evaluation to assess the impacts of the program, including eliminating disparities in exclusionary practices based on race, ethnicity, language, ability or other protected classes; and

"(g) Requirements that early childhood care and education programs certified or registered under ORS 329A.280 or 329A.330, or receiving public funding for early childhood care and education services, must request services from the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Program when a young child in an early childhood care or education program is facing potential expulsion. 1 "(5) In support of the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion 2 Prevention Program, the Early Learning Division shall coordinate 3 with the Oregon Health Authority to develop a plan for integrated 4 mental and behavioral health and social and emotional supports for 5 children and families, including establishing a resource list of diverse, 6 community-based mental health consultants to support the goals of 7 the suspension and expulsion program.

8 "(6) The Early Learning Council may adopt any rules necessary for
9 the administration of this section.

10 "SECTION 2. ORS 329A.280 is amended to read:

"329A.280. (1) A person may not operate a child care facility, except a facility subject to the registration requirements of ORS 329A.330, without a certification for the facility from the Office of Child Care.

"(2) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules for the certification of 14 a family child care home caring for not more than 16 children. The rules 15shall be specifically adopted for the regulation of certified child care facili-16 ties operated in a facility constructed as a single-family dwelling. Notwith-17 standing fire and other safety regulations, the rules that the council adopts 18 for certified child care facilities shall set standards that can be met without 19 significant architectural modification of a typical home. In adopting the 20rules, the council may consider and set limits according to factors including 21the age of children in care, the ambulatory ability of children in care, the 22number of the provider's children present, the length of time a particular 23child is continuously cared for and the total amount of time a particular 24child is cared for within a given unit of time. The rules must require 25compliance with the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act. 26

"(3) In addition to rules adopted for and applied to a certified family child care home providing child care for not more than 16 children, the council shall adopt and apply separate rules appropriate for any child care facility that is a child care center.

"(4) Any person seeking to operate a child care facility may apply for a certification for the facility from the Office of Child Care and receive a certification upon meeting certification requirements.

"(5) A facility described in ORS 329A.250 (5)(d) may, but is not required
to, apply for a certification under this section and receive a certification
upon meeting certification requirements.

7 **"SECTION 3.** ORS 329A.330 is amended to read:

8 "329A.330. (1) A provider operating a family child care home where care 9 is provided in the family living quarters of the provider's home that is not 10 subject to the certification requirements of ORS 329A.280 may not operate 11 a child care facility without registering with the Office of Child Care.

"(2) A child care facility holding a registration may care for a maximum
 of 10 children, including the provider's own children. Of the 10 children:

14 "(a) No more than six may be younger than school age; and

15 "(b) No more than two may be 24 months of age or younger.

"(3)(a) To obtain a registration, a provider must apply to the Office of 16 Child Care by submitting a completed application work sheet and a 17 nonrefundable fee. The fee shall vary according to the number of children for 18 which the facility is requesting to be registered, and shall be determined and 19 applied through rules adopted by the Early Learning Council under ORS 20329A.275. The fee shall be deposited as provided in ORS 329A.310 (2). The 21office may waive any or all of the fee if the office determines that imposition 22of the fee would impose a hardship on the provider. 23

"(b) Upon receipt of an initial or renewal application satisfactory to the office, the office shall conduct an on-site review of the child care facility under this section. The on-site review shall be conducted within 30 days of the receipt of a satisfactory application.

"(4) The office shall issue a registration to a provider operating a family
 child care home if:

³⁰ "(a) The provider has completed a child care overview class administered

1 by the office;

2 "(b) The provider has completed two hours of training on child abuse and 3 neglect issues;

"(c) The provider is currently certified in infant and child first aid and
cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

6 "(d) The provider is certified as a food handler under ORS 624.570; and

"(e) The office determines that the application meets the requirements of
ORS 181A.200, 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450 and the rules promulgated
pursuant to ORS 181A.195, 181A.200, 181A.215, 329A.030 and 329A.250 to
329A.450, and receives a satisfactory records check, including criminal records and protective services records.

"(5) Unless the registration is revoked as provided in ORS 329A.350, the registration is valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance. The office may not renew a registration of a provider operating a family child care home unless the provider:

16 "(a) Is currently certified in infant and child first aid and17 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

"(b) Has completed a minimum of eight hours of training related to child
care during the most recent registration period; [and]

20 "(c) Is certified as a food handler under ORS 624.570[.]; and

"(d) When applicable, has complied with the requirements of section 1 of this 2021 Act prior to imposing an expulsion.

"(6) A registration authorizes operation of the facility only on the premises described in the registration and only by the person named in the registration.

26 "(7) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules:

"(a) Creating the application work sheet required under subsection (3) ofthis section;

²⁹ "(b) Defining full-time and part-time care;

30 "(c) Establishing under what circumstances the adult to child ratio re-

- 1 quirements may be temporarily waived; and
- 2 "(d) Establishing health and safety procedures and standards on:
- 3 "(A) The number and type of toilets and sinks available to children;
- 4 "(B) Availability of steps or blocks for use by children;

5 "(C) Room temperature;

6 "(D) Lighting of rooms occupied by children;

7 "(E) Glass panels on doors;

- 8 "(F) Condition of floors;
- 9 "(G) Availability of emergency telephone numbers; and

10 "(H) Smoking.

"(8) The office shall adopt the application work sheet required by subsection (3) of this section. The work sheet must include, but need not be limited to, the following:

"(a) The number and ages of the children to be cared for at the facility;and

"(b) The health and safety procedures in place and followed at the facil-ity.

"(9)(a) If the Office of Child Care determines that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the children for whom a child care facility is to provide care, the office may impose a condition on the facility's registration that is reasonably designed to protect the health and safety of children. The office may impose a condition during the application process for an initial registration, during the application process for a registration or at any time after the issuance of a registration.

"(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, when the office imposes a condition on a child care facility's registration, the facility shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS chapter 183.

29 "(c)(A) If the office finds a serious danger to the health and safety of the 30 children receiving care at a child care facility, the office shall notify the facility of the specific reasons for the finding and may impose an emergency
 condition on the facility's registration without a hearing.

"(B) If the facility demands a hearing within 90 days after the office notifies the facility of the emergency condition, a hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS chapter 183 must be granted to the facility as soon as practicable after the demand and the agency shall issue an order consistent with the provisions of ORS chapter 183 confirming, altering or revoking the order imposing the emergency condition.

9 "(10) The office, upon good cause shown, may waive one or more of the 10 registration requirements. The office may waive a requirement only if ap-11 propriate conditions or safeguards are imposed to protect the welfare of the 12 children and the consumer interests of the parents of the children. The office 13 may not waive the on-site review requirement for applicants applying for an 14 initial registration or renewal of a registration.

"(11) The Early Learning Council, by rule, shall develop a list of recom-15mended standards consistent with standards established by professional or-16 ganizations regarding child care programs for child care facilities. 17 Compliance with the standards is not required for a registration, but the 18 office shall encourage voluntary compliance and shall provide technical as-19 sistance to a child care facility attempting to comply with the standards. The 20child care facility shall distribute the list of recommended minimum stan-21dards to the parents of all children cared for at the facility. 22

"(12) In adopting rules relating to registration, the Early Learning Council shall consult with the appropriate legislative committee in developing the rules to be adopted. If the rules are being adopted during a period when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, the Early Learning Council shall consult with the appropriate interim legislative committee.

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"SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING STANDARDS

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"SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Education, in consultation with
the Early Learning Division and the Teacher Standards and Practices
Commission, shall convene an advisory group to propose for adoption
by the State Board of Education:

5 "(a) Social emotional learning standards for public school students
6 in kindergarten through grade 12; and

7 "(b) A statewide social emotional framework for public school stu8 dents in kindergarten through grade 12.

9 "(2) The standards and framework proposed by the advisory group
10 must:

11 "(a) Be developmentally appropriate;

"(b) Align with other models and practices of the department re lated to mental health;

"(c) Include racial equity and trauma-informed principles and
 practices within strengths-based multitiered systems of support;

"(d) Increase public school students' social emotional development;
 "(e) Promote self-awareness, awareness of others, critical thinking
 and understanding regarding the interaction between systemic social
 structures and histories, contributions and perspectives of individuals
 who:

"(A) Are Alaska Native, Native American, Black, African American,
 Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Latinx or Middle Eastern;

23 **"(B) Are women;**

24 "(C) Have disabilities;

25 **"(D) Are immigrants or refugees;**

"(E) Are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit,
 intersex, asexual, nonbinary or another minority gender identity or
 sexual orientation; or

"(F) Have experienced disproportionate results in education due to
 historical practices; and

"(f) Promote the creation of school cultures that support kindness,
care, connection, equity, diversity and inclusion.

"(3) The advisory group shall submit a report to the board that describes the proposed standards and framework. The board shall consider the report when adopting the standards and framework.

6 "(4) Subject to the direction from the board, the department shall 7 determine the number and frequency of meetings to be held by the 8 advisory group prior to the submission of the report required under 9 subsection (3) of this section.

"<u>SECTION 5.</u> (1) The Department of Education shall convene the
 advisory group required by section 4 of this 2021 Act no later than
 September 1, 2021.

"(2) The report required under section 4 of this 2021 Act must be
 submitted to the State Board of Education no later than September
 15, 2022.

"(3) The board shall adopt social emotional learning standards and
 the social emotional framework described in section 4 of this 2021 Act
 no later than September 15, 2023.

"(4) The board shall require school districts to implement the
 standards and framework no later than July 1, 2024.

²¹ "<u>SECTION 6.</u> Sections 4 and 5 of this 2021 Act are repealed on Jan-²² uary 2, 2025.

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"EDUCATOR EQUITY

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²⁶ "SECTION 7. ORS 342.437 is amended to read:

"342.437. (1) As a result of this state's commitment to equality for the diverse peoples of this state, the goal of the state is that the percentage of diverse educators employed by a school district or an education service district reflects the percentage of diverse students in the public schools of this

1 state or the percentage of diverse students in the district.

"(2) [*The Department of Education*] **The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Educator Advancement Council,** shall use federal reports on educator equity to monitor school district and education service district progress on meeting the goal described in subsection (1) of this section, in relation to the recruitment, hiring and retention of diverse educators.

8 **"SECTION 8.** ORS 326.051 is amended to read:

9 "326.051. Subject to ORS 417.300 and 417.305:

"(1) In addition to such other duties as are prescribed by law and pursuant to the requirement of ORS chapter 183, the State Board of Education shall:

"(a) Establish state standards for public kindergartens and public ele mentary and secondary schools consistent with the policies stated in ORS
 326.011.

"(b) Adopt rules for the general governance of public kindergartens andpublic elementary and secondary schools.

¹⁸ "(c) Prescribe required or minimum courses of study.

"(d) Adopt rules for public kindergartens and public elementary and
 secondary schools consistent with the policy stated in ORS 342.437.

[(d)] (e) Adopt rules regarding school and interscholastic activities.

²² "[(e)] (f) Adopt rules that provide that no public elementary or secondary ²³ school shall discriminate in determining participation in interscholastic ac-²⁴ tivities. As used in this paragraph, 'discrimination' has the meaning given ²⁵ that term in ORS 659.850.

"[(f)] (g) Adopt rules that will eliminate the use and purchase of elemental mercury, mercury compounds and mercury-added instructional materials by public elementary and secondary schools.

²⁹ "(2) The State Board of Education may:

30 "(a) Consistent with the laws of this state, accept money or property not

otherwise provided for under paragraph (b) of this subsection, which is donated for the use or benefit of the public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools and use such money or property for the purpose for which it was donated. Until it is used, the board shall deposit any money received under this paragraph in a special fund with the State Treasurer as provided in ORS 293.265 to 293.275.

"(b) Apply for federal funds and accept and enter into any contracts or
agreements on behalf of the state for the receipt of such funds from the
federal government or its agencies for:

"(A) Educational purposes, including but not limited to any funds avail able for the school lunch program;

"(B) Career and technical education programs in public elementary and
 secondary schools; and

"(C) Any grants available to the state or its political subdivisions for general federal aid for public kindergartens, public elementary schools and public secondary schools and their auxiliary services, improvement of teacher preparation, teacher salaries, construction of school buildings, administration of the Department of Education and any other educational activities under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education.

"(c) Adopt rules to administer the United States Department of
 Agriculture's National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program
 for public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools and resi dential child care facilities.

"SECTION 9. ORS 342.147, as amended by section 8, chapter 756, Oregon
Laws 2015, and section 2, chapter 317, Oregon Laws 2017, is amended to read:
"342.147. [(1)(a)] (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
shall establish by rule standards for approval of educator preparation providers and educator preparation programs.

"(2) Standards for approval of an educator preparation provider may
 allow approval of an institution of higher education, a school district

in this state, an education service district in this state or any other
entity in this state that sponsors or provides an educator preparation
program.

4 "[(b)] (3)(a) Standards for approval of an educator preparation program
5 must include:

6 "(A) Requiring an educator preparation program to be accredited by a 7 national organization that represents teachers, policymakers and teacher 8 educators and that provides accreditation based on nationally recognized 9 standards and on evidence-based measures; and

"(B) Approving a public educator preparation program of more than four years' duration only if educator preparation programs that are reasonably attainable in a four-year period, or the equivalent, are also available in the system of higher education and are designed to culminate in a baccalaureate degree that qualifies their graduates for entry-level teaching licenses.

"[(c)] (b) Standards for approval of an educator preparation program for
 early childhood education, elementary education, special education or read ing must require that:

"(A) The program provide instruction on dyslexia and other reading dif-ficulties; and

20 "(B) The instruction on dyslexia be consistent with the knowledge and 21 practice standards of an international organization on dyslexia.

"(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(a)(A) of this section, standards for approval of an educator preparation program may allow an educator preparation program to operate provisionally without accreditation by a national organization if the educator preparation program is:

²⁷ "(A) Offered by an accredited educator preparation provider; or

"(B) A nontraditional pathway to licensure program offered by an
 educator preparation provider, regardless of whether the educator
 preparation provider is accredited.

"(b) A nontraditional pathway to licensure program shall be considered an approved educator preparation program if the nontraditional pathway to licensure program complies with standards
established by the commission. The commission shall establish standards for nontraditional pathway to licensure programs that:

"(A) Are substantially similar to the standards under subsection
(3)(a) of this section;

"(B) Require the commission to consider the current efforts of ed ucator preparation programs to serve the same educator workforce as
 the proposed nontraditional pathway to licensure program; and

"(C) Require the proposed nontraditional pathway to licensure program to submit to the commission a preoperational capacity review from a national accrediting organization that is approved by the commission.

"(c)(A) Nothing in this subsection requires a nontraditional path way to licensure program to:

17 "(i) Culminate in the granting of a degree; or

"(ii) Prohibit a candidate from being employed as an educator while
 participating in the program.

"(B) Nothing in this subsection prevents an accredited educator
 preparation provider from offering a nontraditional pathway to
 licensure.

"(d) An approved educator preparation program that operates pro visionally as provided by this subsection may not operate provisionally
 for more than four years from the date that the educator preparation
 program first received approval to operate provisionally.

[(2)] (5) The commission shall adopt rules that:

"(a) Require approved educator preparation programs for early childhood
 education, elementary education, special education or reading to demonstrate
 that candidates enrolled in the programs receive training to provide in-

struction that enables students to meet or exceed third-grade reading standards and become proficient readers by the end of the third grade, as designated by the State Board of Education. For the purposes of this paragraph, an approved educator preparation program may make the demonstration through course curriculum, approved textbooks or other program requirements.

"(b) Allow approved educator preparation programs leading to graduate
degrees to commence prior to the candidate's completion of baccalaureate
degree requirements and to combine undergraduate and graduate level course
work in achieving program completion.

"[(3)] (6) Whenever any educator preparation provider or educator preparation program is denied approved status or has such status withdrawn, the denial or withdrawal must be treated as a contested case under ORS chapter 183.

¹⁵ "[(4)] (7) Nothing in this section is intended to grant to the Teacher ¹⁶ Standards and Practices Commission any authority relating to granting de-¹⁷ grees or establishing degree requirements that are within the authority of ¹⁸ the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or any of the public uni-¹⁹ versities listed in ORS 352.002, or that are within the authority of the gov-²⁰ erning board of any private institution of higher education.

"SECTION 10. Section 4, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by
 section 10, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

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

"(2) Moneys in the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account are continuously appropriated to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to award grants to educator preparation programs for the purpose of having the programs accredited by the organization described in ORS 342.147

[(1)(b)(A)] (3)(a)(A), as amended by section 8 [of this 2015 Act], chapter 756,
 Oregon Laws 2015, section 2, chapter 317, Oregon Laws 2017, and section 9 of this 2021 Act.

"SECTION 11. Section 5, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to
read:

"Sec. 5. (1) The Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account established by section 4 [of this 2015 Act], chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015,
is abolished on July 1, [2022] 2025.

9 "(2) Any moneys remaining in the account on July 1, [2022] **2025**, that are 10 unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall be trans-11 ferred to the General Fund on July 1, [2022] **2025**.

¹² "SECTION 12. ORS 342.120 is amended to read:

¹³ "342.120. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

"(1) 'Administrator' includes but is not limited to all superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals and academic program directors in public schools or education service districts who have direct responsibility for supervision or evaluation of licensed teachers and who are compensated for their services from public funds.

"(2) 'Administrative license' means a license issued under ORS 342.125
(3)(f) or (g).

"(3) 'Approved educator preparation program' means a licensure programthat:

"(a) Prepares persons to become educators in any grade from pre primary through grade 12;

"(b) Is offered by an approved educator preparation provider [and]; and
"(c) Meets the standards of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, as provided by ORS 342.147.

"(4) 'Approved educator preparation provider' means [an entity] a sponsor
 or provider of an educator preparation program that meets the standards
 of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission [for preparation of li-

1 censed educators for preprimary programs through grade 12], as provided by

2 ORS 342.147.

"(5) 'Instruction' includes preparation of curriculum, assessment and direction of learning in class, in small groups, in individual situations, online, in the library and in guidance and counseling, but does not include the provision of related services, as defined in ORS 343.035, to a child identified as a child with a disability pursuant to ORS 343.146 to 343.183 when provided in accordance with ORS 343.221.

9 "(6) 'Instructional assistant' means a classified school employee who does 10 not require a license to teach, who is employed by a school district or edu-11 cation service district and whose assignment consists of and is limited to 12 assisting a licensed teacher in accordance with rules established by the 13 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

"(7) 'Teacher' includes all licensed employees in the public schools or employed by an education service district who have direct responsibility for instruction or coordination of educational programs and who are compensated for their services from public funds. 'Teacher' does not include a school nurse as defined in ORS 342.455 or an instructional assistant.

"(8) 'Teaching license' means a license issued under ORS 342.125 or
342.144.

21 "(9) 'Underrepresented person' means:

"(a) A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa,
but who is not Hispanic;

²⁴ "(b) A person of Hispanic culture or origin;

"(c) A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far
East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands; or

"(d) An American Indian or [*Alaskan*] Alaska Native having origins in
any of the original peoples of North America.

²⁹ "<u>SECTION 13.</u> ORS 348.295 is amended to read:

30 "348.295. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial aid au-

thorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award
scholarships to culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates to use
at approved educator preparation providers, as defined in ORS 342.120, for
the purpose of advancing the goal described in ORS 342.437.

5 "(2) Scholarships awarded under this section shall be in amounts of 6 [\$5,000] **\$10,000** each academic year, for a maximum of two academic years.

"(3) The commission shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation
and administration of this section in consultation with the Educator Advancement Council and the Department of Education.

10 "SECTION 14. ORS 342.940 is amended to read:

"342.940. (1) As used in this section and ORS 342.943, 'educator' means a teacher, administrator or other school professional who is licensed, registered or certified by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

"[(2)(a) The Educator Advancement Council is created, as provided by ORS 15 190.010 (5) and with the authority described in ORS 190.110, for the purposes 16 of providing resources related to educator professional learning and other ed-17 ucator supports.]

"[(b) The council shall function through an intergovernmental agreement, as provided by ORS 190.003 to 190.130. The intergovernmental agreement shall outline the governance framework and the administrative details necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the council.]

²² "[(3)(a) The council shall consist of members who are representatives of the ²³ members of the intergovernmental agreement creating the council, including ²⁴ representatives of state agencies, school districts and education service ²⁵ districts].

26 "[(b) In addition to the members of the council specified in paragraph (a) 27 of this subsection, the council shall consist of members who are:]

"[(A) Practicing educators, early learning providers and professionals and
 school district board members; and]

30 "[(B) Representatives of educator preparation providers, education-focused

nonprofit organizations, education-focused philanthropic organizations, professional education associations, community-based education organizations that
represent families and students, post-secondary institutions of education and
federally recognized tribes of this state.]

5 "[(c) The majority of the members of the council identified under para-6 graphs (a) and (b) of this subsection may identify additional members of the 7 council.]

"(2) The Educator Advancement Council shall be established and
function under an intergovernmental agreement, pursuant to ORS
190.003 to 190.130. The purposes of the council are to provide resources
related to educator professional learning and to provide other educator
supports.

"(3) Parties to the intergovernmental agreement establishing the
 council must include:

15 "(a) The Department of Education;

16 "(b) The Early Learning Division;

17 "(c) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission;

18 "(d) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission;

- 19 "(e) A school district; and
- 20 "(f) An education service district.

"(4) The intergovernmental agreement establishing the council shall outline the governance framework and the administrative details necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the council, including:

"(a) Designating the maximum number of members of the council.
"(b) Identifying the process for the council to select the chairperson
of the council. The chairperson must be one of the members of the
council and shall be responsible for overseeing official council business.

30 "(c) Identifying the process for the council to appoint the executive

director of the council. Appointment of the executive director must 1 be by written order, filed with the Secretary of State, and the execu- $\mathbf{2}$ tive director shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The executive 3 director shall be responsible for the daily operations of the council, 4 including the appointment of all subordinate officers and employees $\mathbf{5}$ of the council. Officers and employees of the council shall be consid-6 ered persons in state service for purposes of ORS chapter 240, and, 7 subject to ORS chapter 240, the executive director shall prescribe their 8 duties and fix their compensation. 9

10 "(5)(a) The council shall consist of:

"(A) Members who are representatives of the parties to the inter governmental agreement establishing the council, as identified in
 subsection (3) of this section.

"(B) No more than 10 members who are practicing educators, early
 learning providers and professionals and school district board mem bers.

"(C) No more than 10 members who are representatives of educator preparation providers, education-focused nonprofit organizations, education-focused philanthropic organizations, professional education associations, community-based education organizations that represent families and students, post-secondary institutions of education and federally recognized Indian tribes of this state.

"(b) Subject to any limits designated as provided by the intergovernmental agreement establishing the council, the majority of the members of the council identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection may propose additional members of the council. The inclusion of additional members on the council shall be subject to the procedures established by the council under the intergovernmental agreement.

30 "[(4)] (6) The council shall:

"(a) Establish a system of educator networks, as described in ORS 342.943,
by which every educator in this state has access to professional learning
opportunities;

"(b) Coordinate the distribution of moneys to educator networks from the
Educator Advancement Fund based on the needs of the educators identified
by the networks;

"(c) Connect educator networks and facilitate communications within and
among the networks to improve teaching and learning; and

9 "(d) Continuously assess the needs of educators in this state and coordi-10 nate priorities based on the moneys available for distribution from the Edu-11 cator Advancement Fund.

"[(5)] (7) The Department of Education shall provide support to the stra tegic direction of the council by:

14 "(a) Conducting and coordinating research to monitor:

¹⁵ "(A) Teaching and learning conditions;

16 "(B) Educator workforce supply and demand; and

"(C) Common outcomes and measures anticipated to promote improvement
 in teaching and learning.

"(b) Assisting the council in coordinating and connecting educator networks, supporting professional learning priorities, enabling access to professional learning and supports, leveraging funding sources and managing innovation funds.

"(c) Recommending statutory and agency rule changes needed to support
the purposes of the council.

"(d) Supporting programs that help to achieve the purposes of the Edu cators Equity Act.

27 "(e) Supporting a statewide plan for increasing:

²⁸ "(A) The supply of culturally diverse teacher candidates; and

29 "(B) The successful recruitment of effective educators to work in high-30 need schools and in practice areas with a shortage of educators.

1 "(f) Identifying high-leverage educator practices to be developed by edu-2 cators throughout their careers.

"(g) Providing accountability of the council by ensuring that the council:
"(A) Gives preference, when making recommendations about funding distributions, to entities that have demonstrated success in improving student
indicators.

"(B) Considers the delivery of services for the benefit of all regions of this
state when establishing the system of educator networks.

9 "(C) Works toward improving student progress indicators identified by the
10 Department of Education or set forth in ORS 350.014.

11 "(D) Includes and connects education providers and leaders from 12 prekindergarten through post-secondary education.

"(h) Providing staff support for the administrative functions of the coun-cil.

15 "(i) Developing a system that allows for the statewide dissemination of 16 emerging practices and evidence-based models.

"(j) Providing technical assistance to the council, including online systems for sharing professional learning resources and supporting educator networks.

20 "(k) Administering the distribution of grant and contract funds for pro-21 grams described in this section.

22 "(L) Providing administrative support to the educator networks, includ-23 ing:

"(A) Making recommendations to the council about the selection of the
 sponsors of educator networks;

²⁶ "(B) Providing technical assistance to educator networks; and

"(C) Entering into grant agreements or contracts for the distribution of
funds to educator networks.

29 "[(6)(a)] (8)(a) The State Board of Education and the Teacher Standards 30 and Practices Commission may adopt any rules necessary at the request of the council to support the council or to perform any duties assigned to theboard or commission under this section.

"(b) The council may adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 for the
purpose of ORS 342.943.

5 "(9) The council shall be considered a board for purposes of ORS
6 chapter 180.

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"PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

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"<u>SECTION 15.</u> ORS 338.155 is amended to read:

"338.155. (1)(a) Students of a public charter school shall be considered to be residents of the school district in which the public charter school is located for purposes of distribution of the State School Fund.

"(b) All amounts to be distributed from the State School Fund for public
 charter schools shall first be distributed to the school district in which the
 public charter school is located.

"(c) For the purpose of determining the amounts to be distributed to a
school district from the State School Fund for a public charter school, the
district extended ADMw described in ORS 327.013 shall be calculated:

"(A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, as though the students enrolled at a public charter school are students enrolled at the public schools of the school district in which the public charter school is located.

"(B) By not including any portion of the ADM of the public charter school for the previous school year if the public charter school ceased to operate because of dissolution or closure or because of termination or nonrenewal of a charter.

"(2) A school district shall contractually establish, with any public charter school that is sponsored by the board of the school district, payment for provision of educational services to the public charter school's students. The payment shall equal an amount per weighted average daily membership
 (ADMw) of the public charter school that is at least equal to:

"(a) [*Eighty*] **80** percent of the amount of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for students who are enrolled in kindergarten through grade eight[; and] if the public charter school is a virtual public charter school or the public charter school does not have a student population described in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

"(b) 96.4 percent of the amount of the school district's General
Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for students
who are enrolled in kindergarten through grade eight if the public
charter school is not a virtual public charter school and the public
charter school has a student population of which:

"(A) 50 percent or more of the kindergarten through grade eight
 student population from the previous school year is composed of stu dents from the following student groups:

"(i) Economically disadvantaged, as described in ORS 327.180
(2)(b)(A);

"(ii) Racial or ethnic groups that have historically experienced ac ademic disparities, as described in ORS 327.180 (2)(b)(B); or

"(iii) Students with disabilities, as described in ORS 327.180 (2)(b)(C);
 and

"(B) The percentage of the students from student groups identified
in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is greater than:

"(i) The percentage of all students in the school district who are
 economically disadvantaged, if eligibility is determined based on the
 percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged;

"(ii) The percentage of all students in the school district who are
 from racial or ethnic groups that have historically experienced aca demic disparities, if eligibility is determined based on the percentage

1 of students who are from those racial or ethnic groups; or

"(iii) The percentage of all students in the school district who are
disabled, if eligibility is determined based on the percentage of students who are disabled.

"[(b)] (c) [Ninety-five] 95 percent of the amount of the school district's
General Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for students who are enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

6 "(3) A school district shall contractually establish, with any public char-9 ter school that is sponsored by the State Board of Education and that is 10 within the boundaries of the school district, payment for provision of edu-11 cational services to the public charter school's students. The payment shall 12 equal an amount per weighted average daily membership (ADMw) of the 13 public charter school that is at least equal to:

"(a) [Ninety] 90 percent of the amount of the school district's General
Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for students who
are enrolled in kindergarten through grade eight[; and].

"(b) [*Ninety-five*] **95** percent of the amount of the school district's General
Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for students who
are enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

"(4) The estimated amount of each school district's General Purpose
Grant per ADMw shall be determined each year by the Department of Education and made available to all school districts.

"(5) The school district in which the public charter school is located shall transfer an amount per weighted average daily membership (ADMw) of the public charter school that is equal to 50 percent of the amount of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 that is not paid to the public charter school through a contract created pursuant to subsection (3) of this section to the Department of Education.

"(6) The department may use any moneys received under this section for
 activities related to public charter schools.

"(7) A school district and a public charter school may negotiate to establish a payment for the provision of educational services to the public charter school's students that is more than the minimum amounts specified in subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

"(8) A school district shall send payment to a public charter school based
on a contract negotiated under this section within 10 days after receiving
payments from the State School Fund pursuant to ORS 327.095.

8 "(9)(a) A public charter school may apply for any grant that is available 9 to school districts or nonchartered public schools from the Department of 10 Education. The department shall consider the application of the public 11 charter school in the same manner as an application from a school district 12 or nonchartered public school.

"(b) The department shall award any grant that is available to school districts based solely on the weighted average daily membership (ADMw) of the school district directly to the public charter school. This paragraph does not apply to any grant from the State School Fund.

¹⁷ "SECTION 16. ORS 340.073 is amended to read:

"340.073. (1) A public charter school may elect to participate in the Expanded Options Program by amending its charter under ORS 338.065.

"(2) Actual instructional costs associated with participating eligible stu dents shall be negotiated and paid directly to the eligible post-secondary in stitution by the public charter school.

"(3) The participating public charter school may not require funding from the sponsor of the school for payment of Expanded Options Program costs that is in addition to funding that already has been contractually established pursuant to ORS 338.155 [(2)(b)] (2)(c) or (3)(b) or 338.165 (2)(b).

²⁷ "<u>SECTION 17.</u> (1) The amendments to ORS 338.155 and 340.073 by ²⁸ sections 15 and 16 of this 2021 Act become operative July 1, 2022.

"(2) The amendments to ORS 338.155 by section 15 of this 2021 Act
 first apply to the 2022-2023 school year.

"SECTION 18. No later than September 15, 2026, the Department of 1 Education shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly in the $\mathbf{2}$ manner provided by ORS 192.245. The report shall address the increase 3 in minimum funding available to public charter schools with student 4 populations described in ORS 338.155 (2)(b), as amended by section 15 $\mathbf{5}$ of this 2021 Act, including: 6 "(1) The effects of the increase in minimum funding requirement; 7 "(2) How public charter schools that received additional funding 8 used those funds; and 9 "(3) Any changes in enrollment for public charter schools that re-10 ceived additional funding. 11 12 **"CAPTIONS** 13 14 "SECTION 19. The unit captions used in this 2021 Act are provided 15only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the 16 statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the 17 enactment of this 2021 Act. 18 19 **"EFFECTIVE DATE** 2021"SECTION 20. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate 22preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is 23declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.". 2425