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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (at the request of Senator Michael Dembrow)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4030

In line 2 of the printed bill, after "educators" insert "; creating new pro-1 visions; amending ORS 326.603, 342.125 and 342.608; and declaring an emer-2 gency". 3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert: 4 5**"BACKGROUND CHECKS** 6 7 "SECTION 1. ORS 326.603 is amended to read: 8 "326.603. (1) For the purposes of requesting a state or nationwide criminal 9 records check under ORS 181A.195, the Department of Education may require 10 the fingerprints of: 11 "(a) A school district or private school contractor, whether part-time or 12 full-time, or an employee of a contractor, whether part-time or full-time, who 13 has direct, unsupervised contact with students as determined by the district 14 or private school. 15 "(b) A person newly hired, whether part-time or full-time, by a school 16 district or private school in a capacity not described in ORS 342.223 (1). 17 "(c) A person who is a community college faculty member providing in-18 struction: 19 "(A) At the site of an early childhood education program or at a school 20

site as part of an early childhood education program; or

"(B) At a kindergarten through grade 12 school site during the regularschool day.

3 "(d) A person who is an employee of a public charter school.

"(2)(a) A school district shall send to the Department of Education for
purposes of a criminal records check any information, including fingerprints,
for each person described in subsection (1) of this section.

"(b) A private school may send to the Department of Education for purposes of a criminal records check any information, including fingerprints, for
each person described in subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) of this section.

"(3) The Department of Education shall request that the Department of 10 State Police conduct a criminal records check as provided in ORS 181A.195 11 and may charge the school district or private school a fee as established by 12 rule under ORS 181A.195. The school district or private school may recover 13 its costs or a portion thereof from the person described in subsection (1) of 14 this section. If the person described in subsection (1)(b) or (d) of this section 15requests, the school district shall and a private school may withhold the 16 amount from amounts otherwise due the person, including a periodic payroll 17 deduction rather than a lump sum payment. 18

"(4) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Department of
 Education may not require fingerprints of a person described in subsection
 (1) of this section if:

"(a) The person or the person's employer was checked in one school district or private school and is currently seeking to work in another district or private school unless the person lived outside this state during the interval between the two periods of time of working in the district or private school[.]; or

"(b) The department determines that an emergency exists and that
 the person:

"(A) Submitted to a criminal records check for the person's imme diately previous employer, the employer is a school district or private

school and the person has not lived outside this state between the two
 periods of employment;

"(B) Submitted to a criminal records check conducted by the
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission within the previous
three years;

6 "(C) Remained continuously licensed or registered with the com-7 mission; or

"(D) Had a license or registration with the commission that lapsed
within the previous three years.

"(5) Nothing in this section requires a person described in subsection (1)(a), (b) or (d) of this section to submit to fingerprinting until the person has been offered employment or a contract by a school district or private school. Contractor employees may not be required to submit to fingerprinting until the contractor has been offered a contract.

"(6) If a person described in subsection (1) of this section states on a criminal history form provided by the Department of Education that the person has not been convicted of a crime but the criminal records check indicates that the person has a conviction, the department shall determine whether the person knowingly made a false statement as to the conviction. The department shall develop a process and criteria to use for appeals of a determination under this subsection.

"(7)(a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall inform a school district or private school if a person described in subsection (1) of this section has been convicted of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 (3) or has knowingly made a false statement on a criminal history form provided by the Department of Education as to the conviction of any crime.

"(b) If a person described in subsection (1) of this section has been convicted of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 (3), a school district may not employ or contract with the person and a private school may choose not to employ or contract with the person. Notification by the superintendent that the school district may not employ or contract with the person shall remove the
person from any school district policies, collective bargaining provisions regarding dismissal procedures and appeals and the provisions of ORS 342.805
to 342.937.

5 "(c) If a person described in subsection (1) of this section has knowingly 6 made a false statement on a criminal history form provided by the Depart-7 ment of Education as to the conviction of a crime not listed in ORS 342.143 8 (3), a school district or private school may choose to employ or contract with 9 the person.

"(8) If a person described in subsection (1) of this section refuses to consent to the criminal records check or refuses to be fingerprinted, the school district shall terminate the employment or contract status of the person. Termination under this subsection removes the person from any school district policies, collective bargaining provisions regarding dismissal procedures and appeals and the provisions of ORS 342.805 to 342.937.

"(9) A school district may not hire or continue to employ or contract with or allow the contractor to continue to assign a person to the school project if the person described in subsection (1) of this section has been convicted of a crime according to the provisions of ORS 342.143.

(10) As used in this section and ORS 326.607:

21 "(a) 'Private school' means a school that:

"(A) Offers education in prekindergarten, kindergarten or grades 1
 through 12, or any combination of those grade levels; and

"(B) Provides instructional programs that are not limited solely to danc ing, drama, music, religious or athletic instruction.

26 "(b) 'School district' means:

²⁷ "(A) A school district as defined in ORS 330.003.

²⁸ "(B) The Oregon School for the Deaf.

"(C) An educational program under the Youth Corrections Education
 Program.

"(D) A public charter school as defined in ORS 338.005. 1

"(E) An education service district. $\mathbf{2}$

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"EDUCATOR LICENSE RECIPROCITY

"SECTION 2. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 6 shall: 7

"(a) Conduct a review of the commission's process for licensing 8 educators from other states; 9

"(b) Identify and implement any changes to the process reviewed 10 under paragraph (a) of this subsection that will simplify the process 11 and encourage educators from other states to become licensed in 12 Oregon; and 13

"(c) Identify any necessary statutory changes that would enable or 14 encourage out-of-state educators to become licensed in Oregon. 15

"(2) The commission shall report the commission's findings under 16 subsection (1) of this section to an interim committee of the Legisla-17 tive Assembly related to education no later than September 1, 2022. 18

"SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 19 2023. 20

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"EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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"SECTION 4. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 24shall adopt rules that provide for the reduction or suspension of pro-25fessional development requirements that a person must complete be-26fore the person may renew a license, registration or certification 27issued by the commission. 28

"(2) The rules adopted under subsection (1) of this section must 29 apply to persons who seek to renew a license, registration or certi-30

1	fication at any time from January 1, 2022, until December 31, 2023.
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3	"STATEWIDE PORTAL FOR JOBS IN EDUCATION
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5	"SECTION 5. (1) The Department of Education and the Teacher
6	Standards and Practices Commission shall jointly:
7	"(a) Review the application process for persons seeking jobs in ed-
8	ucation in this state, including licensed and classified staff; and
9	"(b) Evaluate options for establishing and maintaining a statewide
10	portal that provides:
11	"(A) A single location for the posting of jobs in education in this
12	state; and
13	"(B) The option for persons to submit a common application for
14	jobs in education in this state.
15	"(2) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, the depart-
16	ment and commission shall consult with school districts and education
17	service districts.
18	"(3) The department and commission shall jointly report the
19	department's and commission's findings under subsection (1) of this
20	section to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related
21	to education no later than September 1, 2023.
22	"SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2,
23	2024.
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25	"EXECUTIVE BRANCH TEACHERS
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27	" <u>SECTION 7.</u> Section 8 of this 2022 Act is added to and made a part
28	of ORS 342.120 to 342.430.
29	"SECTION 8. (1) As used in this section, 'state agency' means an
30	agency of the executive department, as defined in ORS 174.112.

"(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other law or rule or standard established by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the commission shall require a person who holds a current teaching or administrative license and who is an employee of a state agency to work as a substitute teacher in the schools of this state for at least five work days in a 12-month period.

"(3) Each state agency shall grant a leave of absence to any employee of the state agency who holds a current teaching or administrative license issued by the commission for the purpose of allowing the person to satisfy the requirements prescribed by subsection (2) of this section.

"(4) Leave granted under subsection (3) of this section may not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, vacation time, sick leave or accrued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible. Compensation to an employee granted leave under this section shall be at the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from work for the purpose of this section.

"(5) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may adopt
 any rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

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"RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANTS

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"<u>SECTION 9.</u> The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule requirements by which the Department of Education shall distribute grants to school districts and education service districts for the purposes of recruiting and retaining personnel in high-need specialties of education. The rules shall allow a school district or an education service district to make direct payments to personnel for the purpose of

30 recruiting or retaining the personnel.

"SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures,
the amount of \$_______ is established for the biennium ending June 30,
2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Department of Education from the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus
State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the Department
of Education to be used as provided by section 9 of this 2022 Act.

8 "SECTION 11. Section 9 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2,
9 2024.

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"REIMBURSEMENT OF REQUIRED TRAINING COSTS INCURRED BY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS 13

14 "SECTION 12. The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule 15 requirements by which the Department of Education shall provide re-16 imbursements to substitute teachers and to instructional assistants 17 for costs personally incurred by the teachers and assistants for re-18 quired training. The rules may allow for reimbursements to be made 19 from the department:

"(1) Directly to the substitute teachers and instructional assistants;
 or

"(2) To a school district or education service district for distribution
to the substitute teachers and instructional assistants, but in no event
may a district retain any moneys distributed under this section.

25 "SECTION 13. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures,
26 the amount of \$_______ is established for the biennium ending June 30,
2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Depart28 ment of Education from the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus
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1	of Education to be used as provided by section 12 of this 2022 Act.
2	"SECTION 14. Section 12 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2,
3	2024.
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5	"NONESSENTIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
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7	"SECTION 15. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the State
8	Board of Education shall suspend for school districts and education
9	service districts any reporting requirements that:
10	"(1) Are not required by federal law; and
11	"(2) Are not essential, as determined by the board.
12	"SECTION 16. Section 15 of this 2022 Act is repealed on June 30,
13	2023.
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15	"LICENSING OR REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE
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17	"SECTION 17. ORS 342.125 is amended to read:
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"(c) The person had not been employed as provided by this subsection during the previous 12 months with a pending application for the same license; and

"(d) The person and the school district have complied with any other requirements established by the commission by rule.

"(3) Subject to ORS 342.130 and to subsection (4) of this section, licenses
r shall be of the following types:

- 8 "(a) Preliminary teaching license.
- 9 "(b) Professional teaching license.

10 "(c) Distinguished teacher leader license.

11 "(d) Preliminary personnel service license.

12 "(e) Professional personnel service license.

13 "(f) Preliminary administrative license.

14 "(g) Professional administrative license.

15 "(h) Reciprocal license.

16 "(i) Legacy license.

"(4) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may establish other types of teaching licenses as the commission considers necessary for operation of the public schools of the state and may prescribe the qualifications for the licenses. However, no license established under the authority of this subsection is required for a regular classroom teaching position in the public schools.

"(5)(a) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish a public charter school teacher and administrator registry. The commission shall require the applicant and the public charter school to jointly submit an application requesting registration as a public charter school teacher or administrator. The application shall include:

"(A) A description of the specific teaching or administrator position the
 applicant will fill;

30 "(B) A description of the background of the applicant that is relevant to

the teaching or administrator position, including any post-secondary educa tion or other experience; and

3 "(C) Documentation as required by the commission for the purposes of 4 conducting a criminal records check as provided in ORS 181A.195 and a 5 background check through an interstate clearinghouse of revoked and sus-6 pended licenses.

"(b) Subject to the results of the criminal records check and background 7 check and to information received under ORS 342.143 (2), the commission 8 shall approve the application for registration. The commission may deny a 9 request for registration only on the basis of the criminal records check, the 10 background check through an interstate clearinghouse of revoked and sus-11 pended licenses or the information received under ORS 342.143 (2). The reg-12 istration is valid for a term established by the commission and, subject to 13 information received under ORS 342.143 (2), may be renewed upon joint ap-14 plication from the teacher or administrator and the public charter school. 15

"(c) A registration as a public charter school teacher qualifies its holder to accept the teaching position described in the application in the public charter school that submitted the application with the holder of the registration.

"(d) A registration as a public charter school administrator qualifies its holder to accept the administrator position described in the application in the public charter school that submitted the application with the holder of the registration.

"(6)(a) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall adopt an
expedited process for the issuance of any license established pursuant to this
section. The expedited process may require the following:

27 "(A) The showing of an urgent situation; and

(B) The joint request for the expedited process from the applicant for thelicense and:

30 "(i) The school district superintendent or school district board;

1 "(ii) The public charter school governing body; or

"(iii) The education service district superintendent or board of directors
of the education service district.

"(b) Except as provided by paragraph (c) of this subsection, the commission shall issue a license as provided by this subsection within two working
days after receiving a completed application.

"(c) The commission may limit the number of applications the commission
will accept under this subsection from a school district or an education service district to not more than 100 applications in a period of two working
days.

"(d) For purposes of this subsection, the commission may not distinguish
between a school district or an education service district involved in a labor
dispute and any other school district or education service district.

"(7) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall employ
 at least one individual for the purpose of assisting persons in becoming
 licensed or registered by the commission.

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"EDUCATION WORKFORCE DATA SYSTEM

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"SECTION 18. The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission,
 in partnership with the University of Oregon, shall establish a
 workforce data system for the purpose of gathering data on the needs
 of the education workforce serving students in kindergarten through
 grade 12.

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to be used as provided 1 by section 18 of this 2022 Act. $\mathbf{2}$ "SECTION 20. Section 18 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 3 2024. 4 $\mathbf{5}$ **"TEACHER PREP TIME** 6 7 "SECTION 21. ORS 342.608 is amended to read: 8 "342.608. (1) School [boards] districts shall fix the working hours for 9 full-time and part-time licensed [staff members] personnel. 10 "(2)(a) [They shall direct that full-time staff members] Full-time licensed 11 personnel shall be provided a time for a continuous 30-minute 12 [continuous] duty-free lunch period during the regularly scheduled lunch 13 hours. 14 "[(2)] (b) Any school principal who fails to schedule a continuous 1530-minute duty-free lunch period in accordance with this [section] subsection 16 shall be guilty of neglect of duty under ORS 342.865. 17 "[(3)] (c) [No teacher shall] A teacher may not by oral orders or written 18 agreement fail to receive a 30-minute lunch period. 19 "[(4)] (d) School [boards shall] districts may not be required to employ 20special personnel to supervise students during lunch periods. 21"[(5)] (e) This [section] subsection does not apply in school buildings 22where fewer than three teachers are employed. 23"(3)(a) All teachers must be provided prep time in compliance with 24this subsection. 25"(b) A teacher may not be required to supervise students during the 26teacher's prep time, but a teacher may agree to supervise students 27during the teacher's prep time. If a teacher agrees to supervise stu-28dents, the school district must pay the teacher an amount that: 29 "(A) Is in addition to the teacher's regular pay; and 30

"(B) Equals the rate paid to substitute teachers, as calculated under
ORS 342.610 except paid on an hourly basis and not based on a one-half
day or a full day of pay.

4 "(c) As used in this subsection:

"(A) 'Prep time' means an uninterrupted period of time based on a
daily or weekly schedule during which a teacher may prepare lessons,
grade students' work or perform other similar work not requiring the
supervision of students; and

9 "(B) 'Prep time' does not include time during which a teacher vol10 untarily meets with students for tutoring or counseling or voluntarily
11 meets with colleagues.

"SECTION 22. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be distributed by the Department of Education to school districts for the purpose of paying costs incurred under ORS 342.608 (3) between the effective date of this 2022 Act and the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

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"CAPTIONS

22 "<u>SECTION 23.</u> The unit captions used in this 2022 Act are provided 23 only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the 24 statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the 25 enactment of this 2022 Act.

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"EMERGENCY CLAUSE

- "SECTION 24. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate
- ³⁰ preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is

- 1 declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.".
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