

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 129

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

June 21

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, after the semicolon delete the rest of the line and insert
2 “amending ORS 342.127; and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 25 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 342.127 is amended to read:

5 “342.127. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish and collect:

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

9 “(b) A fee not to exceed \$350 for the renewal of each educator license and a fee not to exceed
10 \$50 for each official paper license. If the educator is certified by a national professional organization
11 for teaching standards recognized by the commission, the commission shall renew the license with-
12 out charge.

13 “(c) A fee not to exceed \$800 for a beginning educator assessment conducted in lieu of an ap-
14 proved preparation program required for licensure.

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

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

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

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

27 “(4) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall col-
28 lect a late application fee not to exceed \$350 for the reinstatement of an expired license. The re-
29 quirements for reinstatement and the actual amount of the fee shall be determined in accordance
30 with rules of the commission.

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

34 “(6) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an edu-
cator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed [~~\$300~~] **\$1,000** for the reinstatement

1 of a license that has been suspended or revoked by the commission for gross neglect of duty or gross
2 unfitness under ORS 342.175.

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

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

9 **“(A) A fee for each approved educator preparation provider, based on the number of li-
10 cense applications received by the commission from the provider; and**

11 **“(B) A fee for each approved educator preparation provider, based on the type of educa-
12 tor preparation programs that the provider offers.**

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

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

19 “[8] (9) Fees established under this section shall cover, but not exceed, the full cost of admin-
20 istrative expenses incurred by the commission during any biennium.

21 **“SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 342.127 by section 1 of this 2021 Act become
22 operative on January 1, 2022.**

23 **“(2) The amendments to ORS 342.127 by section 1 of this 2021 Act apply to any license
24 reinstated on or after January 1, 2022.**

25 **“SECTION 3. The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall report to an in-
26 terim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than March 1,
27 2022. The report must be related to the fees established and collected as authorized by ORS
28 342.127, as amended by section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

29 **“SECTION 4. ORS 342.127, as amended by section 1 of this 2021 Act, is amended to read:**

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6 of the fee shall be determined in accordance with rules of the commission.

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12 valid for an additional 120 days, provided the educator has made a timely application, as determined
13 by the commission, for renewal prior to the expiration date on the license.

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26 “[*(B) A fee for each approved educator preparation provider, based on the type of educator prepa-
27 ration programs that the provider offers.*]

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29 a flat fee for the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection if the number of teacher ap-
30 plicants enrolled in the educator preparation programs offered by the educator preparation provider
31 does not exceed a number identified by the commission by rule.*]

32 “[*(c) The method for determining the fee and the actual amount of the fee imposed under this sub-
33 section shall be determined in accordance with rules of the commission.*]

34 “[*(9) (8) Fees established under this section shall cover, but not exceed, the full cost of admin-
35 istrative expenses incurred by the commission during any biennium.*]

36 “**SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 342.127 by section 4 of this 2021 Act become op-
37 erative on January 1, 2026.**

38 “**SECTION 6. Any moneys in the National Board Certification Fund on June 30, 2021, that
39 are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall be transferred to the
40 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission Account.**

41 “**SECTION 7. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
42 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
43 on its passage.”.**