

House Bill 2035

Sponsored by Representative WRIGHT; Representative OSBORNE, Senator WEBER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: Prohibits TSPC from charging a substitute teacher for late fees for the teacher to have a license. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Prohibits the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission from collecting a late application fee for the renewal or reinstatement of a substitute teaching license.

Takes effect on July 1, 2026.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to fees for substitute teaching licenses; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.127; and
3 prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.127 is amended to read:

6 342.127. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish and collect:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (4) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall collect
29 a late application fee not to exceed \$350 for the reinstatement of an expired license. The require-

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1 ments for reinstatement and the actual amount of the fee shall be determined in accordance with
2 rules of the commission.

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

6 (6) 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 \$1,000 for the reinstatement of a li-
8 cense that has been suspended or revoked by the commission for gross neglect of duty or gross
9 unfitness under ORS 342.175.

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

15 **(8) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the commission may not col-
16 lect a late application fee from an applicant for the renewal or reinstatement of a substitute
17 teaching license.**

18 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Fees established under this section shall cover, but not exceed, the full cost of admin-
19 istrative expenses incurred by the commission during any biennium.

20 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 342.127 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to ap-
21 plications submitted on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on July 1, 2026.**

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