

House Bill 3041

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SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act changes the type of law that provides for a council related to educators. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8).

Modifies the source of law that establishes the Educator Advancement Council from intergovernmental agreement to state statute.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Educator Advancement Council; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.940; and
3 prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.940, as amended by section 31, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended
6 to read:

7 342.940. *[(1) As used in this section and ORS 342.943, "educator" means a person who is:]*

8 *[(a) A teacher, an administrator or another school employee who is employed to provide instruction*
9 *or support to students in early childhood education or in kindergarten through grade 12; or]*

10 *[(b) Entering into or enrolled in an educator preparation program.]*

11 *[(2)(a) The Educator Advancement Council shall be established and function under an intergov-*
12 *ernmental agreement, pursuant to ORS 190.003 to 190.130, between state agencies and one or more*
13 *school districts and education service districts. The state agencies that must be parties to the intergov-*
14 *ernmental agreement are the Department of Education, the Department of Early Learning and Care, the*
15 *Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.]*

16 *[(b) The purposes of the council are to provide resources related to educator professional learning*
17 *and to provide other educator supports.]*

18 *[(3) The intergovernmental agreement establishing the council shall outline the governance frame-*
19 *work and the administrative details necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of the duties*
20 *of the council.]*

21 *[(4)(a) The council shall consist of:]*

22 *[(A) Members who are representatives of the parties to the intergovernmental agreement establish-*
23 *ing the council.]*

24 *[(B) No more than 10 members who are practicing educators, classified staff in a public school or*
25 *for an education service district, early learning providers and professionals and school district board*
26 *members.]*

27 *[(C) No more than 10 members who are representatives of educator preparation providers,*
28 *education-focused nonprofit organizations, education-focused philanthropic organizations, professional*

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 *education associations, community-based education organizations that represent families and students,*
 2 *post-secondary institutions of education and federally recognized Indian tribes of this state.]*

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

7 *[(5) The council shall:]*

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

10 *[(b) Administer the beginning teacher and administrator mentorship program under ORS 329.788*
 11 *to 329.820;]*

12 *[(c) Coordinate the distribution of moneys to educator networks from the Educator Advancement*
 13 *Fund based on the needs of the educators identified by the networks;]*

14 *[(d) Connect educator networks and facilitate communications within and among the networks to*
 15 *improve teaching and learning; and]*

16 *[(e) Continuously assess the needs of educators in this state and coordinate priorities based on the*
 17 *moneys available for distribution from the Educator Advancement Fund.]*

18 *[(6) The Department of Education shall provide support to the strategic direction of the council*
 19 *by:]*

20 *[(a) Conducting and coordinating research to monitor:]*

21 *[(A) Teaching and learning conditions;]*

22 *[(B) Educator workforce supply and demand; and]*

23 *[(C) Common outcomes and measures anticipated to promote improvement in teaching and*
 24 *learning.]*

25 *[(b) Assisting the council in coordinating and connecting educator networks, supporting profes-*
 26 *sional learning priorities, enabling access to professional learning and supports, leveraging funding*
 27 *sources and managing innovation funds.]*

28 *[(c) Recommending statutory and agency rule changes needed to support the purposes of the coun-*
 29 *cil.]*

30 *[(d) Supporting programs that help to achieve the purposes of the Educators Equity Act.]*

31 *[(e) Supporting a statewide plan for increasing:]*

32 *[(A) The supply of culturally diverse teacher candidates; and]*

33 *[(B) The successful recruitment of effective educators to work in high-need schools and in practice*
 34 *areas with a shortage of educators.]*

35 *[(f) Identifying high-leverage educator practices to be developed by educators throughout their ca-*
 36 *reers.]*

37 *[(g) Providing accountability of the council by ensuring that the council:]*

38 *[(A) Gives preference, when making recommendations about funding distributions, to entities that*
 39 *have demonstrated success in improving student indicators.]*

40 *[(B) Considers the delivery of services for the benefit of all regions of this state when establishing*
 41 *the system of educator networks.]*

42 *[(C) Works toward improving student progress indicators identified by the Department of Education*
 43 *or set forth in ORS 350.014.]*

44 *[(D) Includes and connects education providers and leaders from prekindergarten through post-*
 45 *secondary education.]*

- 1 *[(h) Providing staff support for the administrative functions of the council.]*
- 2 *[(i) Developing a system that allows for the statewide dissemination of emerging practices and*
3 *evidence-based models.]*
- 4 *[(j) Providing technical assistance to the council, including online systems for sharing professional*
5 *learning resources and supporting educator networks.]*
- 6 *[(k) Administering the distribution of grant and contract funds for programs described in this*
7 *section.]*
- 8 *[(L) Providing administrative support to the educator networks, including:]*
- 9 *[(A) Making recommendations to the council about the selection of the sponsors of educator net-*
10 *works;]*
- 11 *[(B) Providing technical assistance to educator networks; and]*
- 12 *[(C) Entering into grant agreements or contracts for the distribution of funds to educator*
13 *networks.]*
- 14 *[(7)(a) The State Board of Education and the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may*
15 *adopt any rules necessary at the request of the council to support the council or to perform any duties*
16 *assigned to the board or commission under this section.]*
- 17 *[(b) The council may adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 for the purposes of ORS 329.788*
18 *to 329.820 and 342.943.]*
- 19 *[(8) The council shall be considered a board for purposes of ORS chapter 180.]*
- 20 **(1) As used in this section and ORS 342.943, “educator” means a person who is:**
- 21 **(a) A teacher, an administrator or another school employee who is employed to provide**
22 **instruction or support to students in early childhood education or in kindergarten through**
23 **grade 12; or**
- 24 **(b) Entering into or enrolled in an educator preparation program.**
- 25 **(2)(a) The Educator Advancement Council is established for the purpose of:**
- 26 **(A) Providing resources related to educator professional learning and other educator**
27 **supports.**
- 28 **(B) Convening a coalition of education stakeholders to align, coordinate and improve a**
29 **statewide system of professional development and support for educators.**
- 30 **(b) The council shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows:**
- 31 **(A) The Department of Education, Department of Early Learning and Care, Higher Edu-**
32 **cation Coordinating Commission and Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall each**
33 **appoint one representative to serve as a standing member. A standing member shall serve**
34 **a term of four years at the pleasure of the appointing authority and is eligible for reap-**
35 **pointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an ap-**
36 **pointment to become immediately effective. A standing member may designate another**
37 **individual to, in the absence of the standing member, act on behalf of the standing member.**
- 38 **(B) Following appointment of the standing members under subparagraph (A) of this par-**
39 **agraph, the standing members shall appoint 15 rotating members as follows:**
- 40 **(i) One elementary school teacher who is employed by a school district.**
- 41 **(ii) One middle school teacher who is employed by a school district.**
- 42 **(iii) One high school teacher who is employed by a school district.**
- 43 **(iv) One classified staff member who is employed by a school district or an education**
44 **service district.**
- 45 **(v) Two educators who serve students in prekindergarten through grade 12 and are em-**

1 **ployed by a school district or an education service district.**

2 **(vi) One school administrator who is employed by a school district.**

3 **(vii) One superintendent of a school district.**

4 **(viii) One superintendent of an education service district.**

5 **(ix) One member of a school district board.**

6 **(x) One early learning provider or professional.**

7 **(xi) One representative of an approved educator preparation program, as defined in ORS**
8 **342.120, located in Oregon.**

9 **(xii) One representative of a professional educator association.**

10 **(xiii) One representative of a nonprofit organization focused on educational equity for**
11 **students and families.**

12 **(xiv) One representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon.**

13 **(c) Rotating members shall serve for terms of two years and shall be eligible for reap-**
14 **pointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the standing members shall make an ap-**
15 **pointment that becomes immediately effective for the unexpired term. A rotating member**
16 **may designate another individual to, in the absence of the rotating member, act on behalf**
17 **of the rotating member.**

18 **(3)(a) A majority of the standing members and a majority of the rotating members con-**
19 **stitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this**
20 **subsection, official action by the council requires the approval of a majority of the members.**
21 **The council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson.**

22 **(b) Official action by the council on matters related to the allocation or expenditure of**
23 **state funds requires approval of a majority of the standing members only.**

24 **(c) In addition to the appointments under subsection (2) of this section, the council may**
25 **appoint nonvoting, ex officio members to serve in an advisory capacity.**

26 **(4) The council shall meet at least four times per year at a time and place specified by**
27 **the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members.**

28 **(5) Members on the council are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for**
29 **actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their**
30 **official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495.**

31 **(6) The council shall:**

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

34 **(b) Oversee the beginning teacher and administrator mentorship program under ORS**
35 **329.788 to 329.820;**

36 **(c) Coordinate the distribution of moneys to educator networks from the Educator Ad-**
37 **vancement Fund based on the needs of the educators identified by the networks;**

38 **(d) Connect educator networks and facilitate communications within and among the**
39 **networks to improve teaching and learning; and**

40 **(e) Continuously assess the needs of educators in this state and coordinate priorities**
41 **based on the moneys available for distribution from the Educator Advancement Fund.**

42 **(7) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the council. Support pro-**
43 **vided by the department shall include but not be limited to the following:**

44 **(a) Administering the beginning teacher and administrator mentorship program under**
45 **ORS 329.788 to 329.820.**

- 1 **(b) Conducting and coordinating research to monitor:**
2 **(A) Teaching and learning conditions;**
3 **(B) Educator workforce supply and demand; and**
4 **(C) Common outcomes and measures anticipated to promote improvement in teaching**
5 **and learning.**
6 **(c) Assisting the council in coordinating and connecting educator networks, supporting**
7 **professional learning priorities, enabling access to professional learning and supports, lever-**
8 **aging funding sources and managing innovation funds.**
9 **(d) Recommending statutory and agency rule changes needed to support the purposes of**
10 **the council.**
11 **(e) Supporting programs that help to achieve the purposes of the Educators Equity Act.**
12 **(f) Supporting a statewide plan for increasing:**
13 **(A) The supply of culturally diverse teacher candidates; and**
14 **(B) The successful recruitment of effective educators to work in high-need schools and**
15 **in practice areas with a shortage of educators.**
16 **(g) Identifying high-leverage educator practices to be developed by educators throughout**
17 **their careers.**
18 **(h) Providing accountability of the council by ensuring that the council:**
19 **(A) Gives preference, when making recommendations about funding distributions, to en-**
20 **tities that have demonstrated success in improving student indicators.**
21 **(B) Considers the delivery of services for the benefit of all regions of this state when**
22 **establishing the system of educator networks.**
23 **(C) Works toward improving student progress indicators identified by the Department**
24 **of Education or set forth in ORS 350.014.**
25 **(D) Includes and connects education providers and leaders from prekindergarten through**
26 **post-secondary education.**
27 **(i) Developing a system that allows for the statewide dissemination of emerging practices**
28 **and evidence-based models.**
29 **(j) Providing technical assistance to the council, including online systems for sharing**
30 **professional learning resources and supporting educator networks.**
31 **(k) Administering the distribution of grant and contract funds for programs described in**
32 **this section.**
33 **(L) Providing administrative support to the educator networks, including:**
34 **(A) Making recommendations to the council about the selection of the sponsors of edu-**
35 **cator networks;**
36 **(B) Providing technical assistance to educator networks; and**
37 **(C) Entering into grant agreements or contracts for the distribution of funds to educator**
38 **networks.**
39 **(m) Providing other staff support for the administrative functions of the council.**
40 **(8)(a) The State Board of Education, Early Learning Council, Higher Education Coordi-**
41 **nating Commission and Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may adopt any rules**
42 **necessary at the request of the Educator Advancement Council to carry out this section.**
43 **(b) The Educator Advancement Council may adopt rules necessary to carry out this**
44 **section or ORS 329.788 to 329.820 or 342.943.**
45 **SECTION 2.** **The amendments to ORS 342.940 by section 1 of this 2025 Act become oper-**

1 **ative on January 1, 2026.**

2 **SECTION 3. (1) The intergovernmental agreement establishing the Educator Advance-**
3 **ment Council, entered into under ORS 342.490 prior to the effective date of this 2025 Act shall**
4 **terminate on December 31, 2025.**

5 **(2) Upon termination of the intergovernmental agreement under subsection (1) of this**
6 **section, the term of office for all members of the Educator Advancement Council shall cease.**

7 **(3) A member of the council whose term of office has ceased under subsection (2) of this**
8 **section is eligible for reappointment to the council.**

9 **(4) On January 1, 2026, the state agencies described in ORS 342.940 (2)(b)(A) shall each**
10 **appoint one representative to serve as a standing member of the council.**

11 **(5) On or before January 31, 2026, the standing members appointed to the council under**
12 **subsection (4) of this section shall appoint 15 rotating members to the council.**

13 **(6) Notwithstanding the term of office specified in ORS 342.940, of the rotating members**
14 **appointed to the council under subsection (5) of this section:**

15 **(a) Eight shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2026; and**

16 **(b) Seven shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2027.**

17 **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

18 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
19 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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