

Senate Bill 652

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM (at the request of Senator Noah Robinson) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Allows districts and schools to hire people who are not teachers to teach reading. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.8).

Allows a school district, an education service district or a public charter school to employ a person who is not licensed or registered with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to teach reading to students.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to reading instruction; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas reading is most effectively taught one-on-one and can be easily taught by a parent or
4 any other capable individual; and

5 Whereas Oregon has thousands of parents of homeschooled children and those parents have ef-
6 fectively taught reading to their children and also could teach public school students; and

7 Whereas about one hour of individual instruction each day for approximately six months can
8 provide a child with necessary reading skills; and

9 Whereas once a child starts reading for fun, the child simply needs to read more in order to
10 improve reading skills; now, therefore,

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

12 **SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 342.173, a school district, an education service dis-**
13 **trict or a public charter school may employ any person who is not licensed or registered with**
14 **the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to teach reading to students.**

15 **(2) Employment of a person to teach reading is solely at the discretion of a district or**
16 **school. A district or school may prescribe any requirements for the employment of a person**
17 **to teach reading.**

18 **(3) A person employed to teach reading as provided by this section is not considered a**
19 **teacher for purposes of state or federal law.**

20 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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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.