

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 324**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 7, delete “342.443,”.

2 In line 8, delete “342.856, 342.940,”.

3 Delete lines 12 through 26 and delete pages 2 through 75 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The duties, functions and powers of the Teacher**
5 **Standards and Practices Commission relating to the following are**
6 **transferred to and vested in the Department of Education:**

7 **“(a) The issuance of any teaching, administrative or personnel ser-**
8 **vice license and the investigation of any person holding a teaching,**
9 **administrative or personnel service license.**

10 **“(b) The issuance of any public charter school teacher or adminis-**
11 **trator registration and the investigation of any person holding a public**
12 **charter school teacher or administrator registration.**

13 **“(c) The issuance of any school nurse certificate and the investi-**
14 **gation of any person holding a school nurse certificate.**

15 **“(d) The establishment of professional development requirements.**

16 **“(e) The approval of educator preparation providers and education**
17 **preparation programs.**

18 **“(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the duties,**
19 **functions and powers of the commission relating to rulemaking and**
20 **discipline remain vested in the commission.**

21 **“SECTION 2. ORS 342.350 is amended to read:**

1 “342.350. (1) [*There is created a Teacher Standards and Practices Com-*
2 *mission consisting*] **The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission is**
3 **established. The purposes of the commission are to:**

4 **“(a) Adopt rules and standards related to:**

5 **“(A) Teaching, administrative and personnel service licenses;**

6 **“(B) Public charter school teacher and administrator registrations;**
7 **and**

8 **“(C) School nurse certificates.**

9 **“(b) Oversee disciplinary proceedings and impose discipline on de-**
10 **partment licensees.**

11 **“(2) The commission consists** of 17 members appointed by the Governor
12 subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562
13 and 171.565.

14 “[2] **(3)** The term of office of a member is three years. Before the expi-
15 ration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor to
16 assume the duties on January 1 next following. A member is eligible for re-
17 appointment but only for one additional term. In case of a vacancy for any
18 cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately ef-
19 fective for the unexpired term.

20 “[3] **(4)** Any member who through change of employment standing or
21 other circumstances no longer meets the criteria for the position to which
22 the member was appointed shall no longer be eligible to serve in that posi-
23 tion, and the position on the commission shall become vacant 60 days fol-
24 lowing the member’s change in circumstances.

25 **“(5) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the**
26 **commission.**

27 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 181A.180 is amended to read:

28 “181A.180. Whenever any court or district attorney receives a disposition
29 report and the court or district attorney has cause to believe that the ar-
30 rested person who is the subject of the report is an employee of a school

1 district or is licensed as a school teacher or administrator and that the
2 charge involves a violation of any crime listed in ORS 342.143 (3), the court
3 or district attorney shall cause [*the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-*
4 *mission and*] the Department of Education to be sent a copy of the completed
5 disposition report.

6 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 326.726 is amended to read:

7 “326.726. (1) The Department of Education shall designate a dyslexia spe-
8 cialist for the department to provide school districts with support and re-
9 sources that are necessary to:

10 “(a) Assist students with dyslexia and their families; and

11 “(b) Comply with the requirements of this section.

12 “(2) Each school district shall ensure that at least one kindergarten
13 through grade five teacher in each kindergarten through grade five school
14 has received training related to dyslexia. The training must comply with the
15 requirements described in subsection (3) of this section.

16 “(3) For the purpose of subsection (2) of this section, a training opportu-
17 nity related to dyslexia must:

18 “(a) Comply with the knowledge and practice standards of an interna-
19 tional organization on dyslexia;

20 “(b) Enable the teacher to understand and recognize dyslexia; and

21 “(c) Enable the teacher to implement instruction that is systematic, ex-
22 plicit and evidence-based to meet the educational needs of students with
23 dyslexia.

24 “(4) The department shall annually develop a list of training opportunities
25 related to dyslexia that satisfy the requirements described in subsection (3)
26 of this section. The list must:

27 “(a) Be developed [*in collaboration with the Teacher Standards and Prac-*
28 *tices Commission*] to ensure that the training opportunities also satisfy pro-
29 fessional development requirements; and

30 “(b) Include at least one opportunity that is provided entirely online.

1 “(5) Each school district shall ensure that every student is screened for
2 risk factors of dyslexia using a screening test identified by the department
3 when the student is in:

4 “(a) Kindergarten, if the student first enrolls at a public school in this
5 state for kindergarten; or

6 “(b) First grade, if the student first enrolls in a public school in this state
7 for first grade.

8 “(6) For the purpose of subsection (5) of this section, the department shall:

9 “(a) Identify screening tests that are cost effective. The tests administered
10 to students in kindergarten must take into account the following factors:

11 “(A) Phonological awareness;

12 “(B) Rapid naming skills;

13 “(C) The correspondence between sounds and letters; and

14 “(D) Family history of difficulty in learning to read, if the student shows
15 risk factors for reading difficulties, including dyslexia.

16 “(b) Provide guidance for notifications to be sent by school districts to
17 parents of students who are identified as having risk factors for reading
18 difficulties, including dyslexia.

19 “(7) The department shall develop guidance regarding best practices for
20 assisting students who are identified through screening or through parental
21 input as showing risk factors or being at risk for reading difficulties, in-
22 cluding dyslexia. The department shall make the guidance available to school
23 districts.

24 “(8)(a) A school district that does not comply with the requirements of
25 subsection (2) of this section and that does not secure a waiver from the
26 department within the time required by the State Board of Education by rule
27 is considered nonstandard under ORS 327.103.

28 “(b) The board shall adopt by rule the criteria for a waiver from the re-
29 quirements of subsection (2) of this section to address instances when non-
30 compliance is outside the control of the school district.

1 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 329.496 is amended to read:

2 “329.496. (1)(a) Every public school student in kindergarten through grade
3 five, and every public school student in grade six at a school that teaches
4 kindergarten through grade six, shall participate in physical education for
5 the entire school year for at least 150 minutes during each school week.

6 “(b) Except as provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection, every public
7 school student in grades six through eight shall participate in physical edu-
8 cation for at least an average of 150 minutes during each school week, as
9 calculated over the duration of a school year.

10 “(c) Notwithstanding the time requirements established by paragraphs (a)
11 and (b) of this subsection, the State Board of Education shall adopt rules
12 that prorate the time requirements for:

13 “(A) School weeks with scheduled school closures, including closures for
14 holidays, inservice days and days scheduled for parent-teacher conferences;

15 “(B) School weeks with unscheduled school closures, including closures
16 for inclement weather and emergencies;

17 “(C) School weeks with out-of-school activities that occur during usual
18 school hours, including field trips and outdoor school programs;

19 “(D) Part-time school programs, including half-day kindergarten; and

20 “(E) Irregular class schedules, including class schedules based on a four-
21 day week.

22 “(d) School districts and public charter schools are not required to comply
23 with the time requirements established by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
24 subsection for school years during the biennium in which the total amounts
25 appropriated or allocated to the State School Fund and available for dis-
26 tribution to school districts are less than the amounts determined to be
27 needed for school districts through the State School Fund under the tenta-
28 tive budget prepared as provided by ORS 291.210. After the beginning of a
29 biennium, a school district or a public charter school may cease to comply
30 with the time requirements established by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this

1 subsection if the amounts appropriated or allocated to the State School Fund
2 and available for distribution to school districts are less than the amounts
3 determined to be needed for distribution through the State School Fund, as
4 calculated under ORS 291.210.

5 “(2) School districts and public charter schools shall offer instruction in
6 physical education that meets the academic content standards for physical
7 education adopted by the State Board of Education under ORS 329.045. The
8 instruction shall be a sequential, developmentally appropriate curriculum
9 that is designed, implemented and evaluated to help students develop the
10 knowledge, motor skills, self-management skills, attitudes and confidence
11 needed to adopt and maintain physical activity throughout their lives.

12 “(3)(a) School districts and public charter schools shall devote at least 50
13 percent of physical education class time to actual physical activity in each
14 school week, with as much class time as possible spent in moderate physical
15 activity.

16 “(b)(A) For the purpose of satisfying the time requirements established
17 by subsection (1)(a) of this section, school districts and public charter
18 schools may provide up to 45 minutes of activities during each school week
19 that:

20 “(i) Meet the academic content standards for physical education adopted
21 by the State Board of Education under ORS 329.045;

22 “(ii) Are provided for students by a teacher whose license allows the
23 teacher to provide instruction in physical education to those students, even
24 if the teacher does not have a physical education endorsement; and

25 “(iii) Have been reviewed by a licensed teacher with a physical education
26 endorsement.

27 “(B) The Department of Education shall:

28 “(i) Review and, as appropriate, approve activities that are developed by
29 nonprofit professional organizations representing health and physical educa-
30 tion educators if the activities meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)

1 of this paragraph; and

2 “(ii) Make available to school districts and public charter schools a list
3 of activities approved as provided by this subparagraph.

4 “(C) School districts and public charter schools may provide activities
5 that meet the requirements of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph even if the
6 activities are not approved as provided by subparagraph (B) of this para-
7 graph.

8 “(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3) of this section, a student
9 with disabilities shall have suitably adapted physical education incorporated
10 as part of the individualized education program developed for the student
11 under ORS 343.151.

12 “(b) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3) of this section, a student who
13 does not have an individualized education program but has chronic health
14 problems, other disabling conditions or other special needs that preclude the
15 student from participating in regular physical education instruction shall
16 have suitably adapted physical education incorporated as part of an individ-
17 ualized health plan developed for the student by the school district or public
18 charter school.

19 “(5) School districts and public charter schools shall assess school cur-
20 ricula at regular intervals to measure the attainment of the minimum num-
21 ber of minutes that students are required to participate in physical education
22 under this section.

23 “(6)(a) All teachers of physical education for public school students in
24 kindergarten through grade eight shall be adequately prepared and shall
25 regularly participate in professional development activities to effectively de-
26 liver the physical education program.

27 “(b)(A) Notwithstanding any licensing or endorsement requirements es-
28 tablished by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission **by rule**, a
29 teacher with an elementary multiple subject endorsement may instruct stu-
30 dents in activities described in subsection (3)(b) of this section if the activ-

1 ities are reviewed by a licensed teacher with a physical education
2 endorsement.

3 “(B) A teacher described in this paragraph may provide instruction in
4 activities described in subsection (3)(b) of this section to students who are
5 not regularly taught by the teacher as long as the instruction in the activ-
6 ities to students who are not regularly taught by the teacher does not exceed
7 45 minutes during each school week. Nothing in this subparagraph allows a
8 school district to employ a teacher for the sole purpose of providing in-
9 struction in activities described in subsection (3)(b) of this section.

10 “(7) A school district that does not comply with the requirements of this
11 section is considered to be nonstandard under ORS 327.103.

12 “(8)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (7) of this section and pursuant to
13 rules adopted by the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public
14 Instruction may grant a waiver of the requirements of this section to a
15 school district or a public charter school if the superintendent finds that the
16 school district or public charter school is unable to meet the requirements
17 because of a human-created disaster or a natural disaster.

18 “(b) A waiver granted under this subsection may be:

19 “(A) In whole or in part of the requirements prescribed by this section;
20 and

21 “(B) Granted for only one school year, but may be renewed for subsequent
22 school years based on rules adopted by the board if the school district or
23 public charter school continues to be impacted by the disaster.

24 “**SECTION 6.** ORS 329.603 is amended to read:

25 “329.603. (1) Each school district must provide a coordinated comprehen-
26 sive school counseling program to support the academic, career, personal and
27 social development of each student and to develop the sense of community
28 involvement for each student.

29 “(2) A coordinated comprehensive program may be designed, delivered or
30 otherwise implemented by:

1 “(a) A person who is licensed by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices*
2 *Commission*] **Department of Education** as a school counselor;

3 “(b) A person who is licensed by the [*commission*] **department** as a school
4 social worker; or

5 “(c) Any combination of persons qualified to implement the program, as
6 determined under rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

7 “(3) Nothing in this section may be construed to allow a person, including
8 but not limited to a licensed school social worker:

9 “(a) Who is licensed by the [*commission*] **department** to practice outside
10 of the scope of the person’s license; or

11 “(b) To practice within the scope of a license not held by that person.

12 “**SECTION 7.** ORS 329.788 is amended to read:

13 “329.788. As used in ORS 329.788 to 329.820:

14 “(1) ‘Beginning administrator’ means a principal or superintendent who:

15 “(a) Possesses an administrative license issued by the [*Teacher Standards*
16 *and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**;

17 “(b) Is employed as a principal or superintendent by a school district; and

18 “(c) Has been assigned for fewer than two school years in the
19 administrator’s present position.

20 “(2) ‘Beginning teacher’ means a teacher who:

21 “(a) Possesses a teaching license issued by the [*Teacher Standards and*
22 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**;

23 “(b) Is employed at least half-time, primarily as a classroom teacher, by
24 a school district; and

25 “(c) Has taught fewer than two school years as a licensed probationary
26 teacher in any public, private or state-operated school in any state.

27 “(3) ‘Educator network’ means an educator network established under
28 ORS 342.943.

29 “(4) ‘Mentor’ means an individual who:

30 “(a) Is an acting or retired teacher, principal or superintendent;

1 “(b) Has met established best practice and research-based criteria as de-
2 fined by the Educator Advancement Council by rule;

3 “(c) Possesses a teaching or administrative license issued by the [*Teacher*
4 *Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**;

5 “(d) Has successfully served for five or more years as a licensed teacher,
6 principal or superintendent in any public school; and

7 “(e) Has been selected and trained as described in ORS 329.815.

8 “(5) ‘Mentorship program’ means a program provided by a mentor to a
9 beginning teacher or administrator that includes, but is not limited to, direct
10 classroom observation and consultation, assistance in instructional planning
11 and preparation, support in implementation and delivery of classroom in-
12 struction, development of school leadership skills and other assistance in-
13 tended to assist the beginning teacher or administrator to become a confident
14 and competent professional educator who makes a positive impact on student
15 learning.

16 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 336.635 is amended to read:

17 “336.635. (1) The parent or guardian of a student may enroll the student
18 in one of the proposed public alternative education programs or private al-
19 ternative education programs of instruction or instruction combined with
20 counseling if:

21 “(a) The enrollment is necessary to meet the student’s educational needs
22 and interests.

23 “(b) The program is appropriate and accessible to the student.

24 “(c) For a program in a school district in which the student is a resident,
25 the resident school district approves the enrollment.

26 “(d) For a program in a school district in which the student is not a
27 resident, the resident school district and the attending school district ap-
28 prove the enrollment.

29 “(e) For a private alternative education program, the program is regis-
30 tered with the Department of Education.

1 “(2) If the student is eligible for special education under ORS 343.221 to
2 343.236 and 343.261 to 343.295, the program must be approved by the Depart-
3 ment of Education prior to the placement of the student in the program.

4 “(3) A student enrolled pursuant to this section is considered enrolled in
5 the schools of the district offering the program for purposes of the distrib-
6 ution of the State School Fund.

7 “(4) An alternative education program that is offered to a student who is
8 not a resident of the school district may bill tuition to the school district
9 where the student is a resident. The billing may be made annually or at the
10 end of each term or semester of the alternative education program. For each
11 full-time equivalent student enrolled in the alternative education program,
12 the resident school district shall pay the actual cost of the program or an
13 amount at least equivalent to 80 percent of the district’s estimated current
14 year’s average per student net operating expenditure, whichever is less, in
15 accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The alter-
16 native education program is accountable for the expenditures of all State
17 School Fund moneys and other local school support moneys and shall provide
18 the resident school district with an annual statement of the expenditures.

19 “(5) A private alternative education program that is registered with the
20 department is not required to employ only licensed teachers or administra-
21 tors. Teachers and administrators in private programs are not considered
22 employees of any school district for purposes of ORS 342.173.

23 “(6) A school district is not required to provide a public alternative edu-
24 cation program if the student can be referred to public or approved private
25 alternative education programs that are appropriate for and accessible to the
26 student.

27 “(7) Any preliminary teaching license, professional teaching license or
28 distinguished teacher leader license issued by the [*Teacher Standards and*
29 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education** is valid for teaching all
30 subjects and grade levels in an alternative education program operated by a

1 school district or education service district.

2 **“SECTION 9.** ORS 336.680, as amended by section 45, chapter 95, Oregon
3 Laws 2024, is amended to read:

4 “336.680. (1) As used in this section, ‘approved recovery school’ means a
5 school that is under an agreement with the Department of Education to
6 provide students enrolled in the school with a holistic approach to:

7 “(a) Educational services for grades 9 through 12; and

8 “(b) Health care services related to recovery from substance use disorders.

9 “(2) The department shall provide or cause to be provided appropriate
10 education for students enrolled in an approved recovery school. For the
11 purpose of paying the costs of providing education to students enrolled in
12 an approved recovery school, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
13 make the following:

14 “(a) Payments from amounts available from the State School Fund under
15 ORS 327.029.

16 “(b) Payments from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account, as pro-
17 vided by rule adopted by the State Board of Education in collaboration with
18 the advisory committee convened under ORS 336.685. The rules adopted as
19 provided by this paragraph may include a minimum amount, a maximum
20 amount or both for approved recovery schools.

21 “(3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may contract with a school
22 district, an education service district or a public charter school to provide
23 or cause to be provided appropriate education to students enrolled in an
24 approved recovery school. Unless otherwise specified, any educational ser-
25 vices provided under a contract entered into under this subsection shall be
26 paid as described in this section and not by any other state moneys distrib-
27 uted based on average daily membership that are available to the school
28 district, education service district or public charter school for the purpose
29 of providing educational services.

30 “(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule the standards for

1 a recovery school to become and operate as an approved recovery school. The
2 standards must provide that:

3 “(a) The recovery school must align, to the extent identified by the board,
4 with standards for accreditation established by a nonprofit accrediting or-
5 ganization composed of representatives of recovery schools and individuals
6 who support the growth of recovery schools. The standards must include re-
7 quirements that:

8 “(A) The recovery school, in compliance with timelines established by the
9 department, be accredited by a nonprofit accrediting organization that es-
10 tablishes standards for recovery schools. Nothing in this subparagraph re-
11 quires the recovery school to be accredited at the time the superintendent
12 first enters into a contract with the recovery school.

13 “(B) Student enrollment in the recovery school is voluntary. No school
14 district or state or local agency may compel or otherwise require a student
15 to enroll in a recovery school. Students enrolled in an approved recovery
16 school may not be counted in determining the number of pupils in average
17 daily membership for purposes of ORS 334.175 (5).

18 “(C) All students who reside in this state and who meet the eligibility
19 criteria established under subsection (8) of this section may enroll in an ap-
20 proved recovery school if space is available. If space is not available, the
21 approved recovery school may prioritize for enrollment student groups iden-
22 tified in ORS 327.180 (2)(b).

23 “(D) The school district, education service district or public charter
24 school with which the department has entered into a contract for a recovery
25 school must agree to award high school diplomas, modified diplomas, ex-
26 tended diplomas and alternative certificates as provided by ORS 329.451 and
27 339.877. An entity that awards high school diplomas as provided by this
28 subparagraph:

29 “(i) May not impose requirements for a high school diploma that are in
30 addition to the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451 (2)(a) or by rule of

1 the State Board of Education; and

2 “(ii) Must accept any credits previously earned by students in another
3 school or educational program in this state and apply those credits toward
4 the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451 (2)(a) or by rule of the State
5 Board of Education.

6 “(E) Except as provided by subparagraphs (F) and (G) of this paragraph,
7 the recovery school must satisfy the same laws that apply to public charter
8 schools under ORS 338.115.

9 “(F) All administrators and teachers at the recovery school must be li-
10 censed by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department**
11 **of Education.**

12 “(G) An approved recovery school is not required to comply with the en-
13 rollment requirements prescribed by ORS 338.115 (1)(bb) or (5).

14 “(H) An approved recovery school must comply with the requirements of
15 the uniform budget and accounting system adopted by rule of the State Board
16 of Education under ORS 327.511.

17 “(b) Recovery schools will be approved, to the greatest extent practicable,
18 in a manner that:

19 “(A) Represents a geographic distribution across this state; and

20 “(B) Takes into consideration the needs for services by the community in
21 which the recovery school would be located.

22 “(5) Any school that provides the services of a recovery school may enter
23 into a contract with the superintendent to become an approved recovery
24 school, including schools already providing the services of a recovery school
25 and schools that are proposing to provide the services of a recovery school.

26 “(6) An approved recovery school may enter into agreements with other
27 entities, including community-based organizations and federally recognized
28 tribes of this state, for the purposes of providing educational and health care
29 services to students enrolled in the approved recovery school.

30 “(7)(a) The department shall be responsible for:

1 “(A) Identifying, locating and evaluating students enrolled in an approved
2 recovery school who may be in need of special education and related ser-
3 vices; and

4 “(B) Ensuring that eligible students receive special education and related
5 services.

6 “(b) For the purpose of this subsection, the department may enter into a
7 contract with a school district or an education service district.

8 “(8) The department shall establish eligibility criteria for students to en-
9 roll in an approved recovery school, based on input from the advisory com-
10 mittee convened under ORS 336.685 and based on research from a nonprofit
11 organization composed of representatives of recovery schools and individuals
12 who support the growth of recovery schools and other relevant organizations.

13 “(9) For the purposes of administering this section:

14 “(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt any necessary rules.

15 “(b) The department shall collaborate with the Oregon Health Authority,
16 the Youth Development Division, the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission,
17 the Oregon Youth Authority, the Department of Human Services and local
18 public health and mental health authorities or providers and shall coordi-
19 nate, to the greatest extent practicable, funding of services provided in re-
20 lation to approved recovery schools.

21 “(10) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall prepare a report
22 on the progress, successes and challenges of approved recovery schools and
23 submit that report to:

24 “(a) The interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to edu-
25 cation; and

26 “(b) The advisory committee convened under ORS 336.685.

27 **“SECTION 10.** ORS 338.120 is amended to read:

28 “338.120. (1) In addition to any other requirements of this chapter for a
29 public charter school, a virtual public charter school must have:

30 “(a) A plan for academic achievement that addresses how the school will

1 improve student learning and meet academic content standards required by
2 ORS 329.045.

3 “(b) Performance criteria the school will use to measure the progress of
4 the school in meeting the academic performance goals set by the school for
5 its first five years of operation.

6 “(c) A plan for implementing the proposed education program of the
7 school by directly and significantly involving parents and guardians of stu-
8 dents enrolled in the school and involving the professional employees of the
9 school.

10 “(d) A budget, business plan and governance plan for the operation of the
11 school.

12 “(e) In the charter of the school, a requirement that the school:

13 “(A) Monitor and track student progress and attendance; and

14 “(B) Provide student assessments in a manner that ensures that an indi-
15 vidual student is being assessed and that the assessment is valid.

16 “(f) Notwithstanding ORS 338.135 (7), a plan to ensure that:

17 “(A) All superintendents, assistant superintendents and principals of the
18 school are licensed to administer by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices*
19 *Commission*] **Department of Education**; and

20 “(B) Teachers who are licensed to teach by the [*Teacher Standards and*
21 *Practices Commission*] **department** teach at least 95 percent of the school’s
22 instructional hours.

23 “(g) A plan for maintaining student records and school records, including
24 financial records, at a designated central office of operations that is located:

25 “(A) If the sponsor is a school district, within the school district that is
26 the sponsor and as specified in the charter of the school; or

27 “(B) If the sponsor is the State Board of Education, at a central office
28 located in Oregon and as specified in the charter of the school.

29 “(h) A plan to provide equitable access to the education program of the
30 school by ensuring that each student enrolled in the school:

1 “(A) Has access to and use of computer and printer equipment as needed;

2 “(B) Is offered an Internet service cost reimbursement arrangement under
3 which the school reimburses the parent or guardian of the student, at a rate
4 set by the school, for the costs of obtaining Internet service at the minimum
5 connection speed required to effectively access the education program pro-
6 vided by the school; or

7 “(C) Has access to and use of computer and printer equipment and is of-
8 fered Internet service cost reimbursement.

9 “(i) A plan to provide access to computer and printer equipment and the
10 Internet service cost reimbursement as described in paragraph (h) of this
11 subsection by students enrolled in the school who are from families that
12 qualify as low-income under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary
13 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

14 “(j) A plan to conduct school-sponsored optional educational events at
15 least six times each school year at locations selected to provide convenient
16 access to all students enrolled in the school who want to participate.

17 “(k) A plan to conduct meetings at least twice a week between teachers
18 and students enrolled in the school, either in person or through the use of
19 conference calls or other technology.

20 “(L) A plan to provide opportunities for face-to-face meetings between
21 teachers and students enrolled in the school at least six times each school
22 year.

23 “(m) A plan to provide, at the time of a student’s enrollment, written
24 notice to the sponsor and, if different, to the school district where the stu-
25 dent is a resident. Notification must be provided within 10 days after en-
26 rollment and must include:

27 “(A) The name, age and address of the student; and

28 “(B) The name of the school in which the student was formerly enrolled.

29 “(n) A plan to provide, at the time of a student’s withdrawal for a reason
30 other than graduation from high school, written notice to the sponsor and,

1 if different, to the school district where the student is a resident. Notifica-
2 tion must be provided within 10 days after withdrawal and must include:

3 “(A) The name, age and address of the student;

4 “(B) The reason the student no longer is enrolled and, if applicable, the
5 name of the school in which the student will enroll, if known to the virtual
6 public charter school; and

7 “(C) The last day on which the student was enrolled at the virtual public
8 charter school.

9 “(o) An agreement to provide a student’s education records to the
10 student’s resident school district or to the sponsor, upon request of the res-
11 ident school district or sponsor.

12 “(2) For a virtual public charter school:

13 “(a) A person who is a member of the school district board for the sponsor
14 of the virtual public charter school may not be:

15 “(A) An employee of the virtual public charter school;

16 “(B) A member of the governing body of the virtual public charter school;
17 or

18 “(C) An employee or other representative of any third-party entity with
19 which the virtual public charter school has entered into a contract to pro-
20 vide educational services.

21 “(b) A person who is a member of the governing body of the virtual public
22 charter school may not be an employee of a third-party entity with which the
23 virtual public charter school has entered, or intends to enter, into a contract
24 to provide educational services.

25 “(3) If a virtual public charter school enters into a contract with a
26 third-party entity to provide educational services for the virtual public
27 charter school:

28 “(a) No employee or member of the governing board of the third-party
29 entity may attend an executive session of the school district board of the
30 school district that is the sponsor of the virtual public charter school;

1 “(b) An employee of the virtual public charter school may not promote
2 the sale or benefits of private supplemental services or classes offered by the
3 third-party entity;

4 “(c) The educational services provided by the third-party entity must be
5 consistent with state standards and requirements, and must be changed on
6 the same timelines that changes are imposed on the nonvirtual public charter
7 schools of this state; and

8 “(d) The virtual public charter school must have on file the third-party
9 entity’s budget for the provision of educational services and that budget must
10 itemize:

11 “(A) The salaries of supervisory and management personnel and consult-
12 ants who are providing educational or related services for a public charter
13 school in this state; and

14 “(B) The annual operating expenses and profit margin of the third-party
15 entity for providing educational services to a public charter school in this
16 state.

17 “(4)(a) The sponsor or a member of the public may request access to any
18 of the documents described in subsections (1) and (3)(d) of this section that
19 are public records, as provided by ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

20 “(b) Upon request by a sponsor or a member of the public, a virtual public
21 charter school must provide reasonable access to the documents described in
22 subsections (1) and (3)(d) of this section that are public records, as provided
23 by ORS 192.311 to 192.478. The documents may be provided electronically.

24 **“SECTION 11.** ORS 338.135 is amended to read:

25 “338.135. (1) Employee assignment to a public charter school shall be
26 voluntary.

27 “(2)(a) A public charter school or the sponsor of the public charter school
28 is considered the employer of any employees of the public charter school. If
29 a school district board is not the sponsor of the public charter school, the
30 school district board may not be the employer of the employees of the public

1 charter school and the school district board may not collectively bargain
2 with the employees of the public charter school. The public charter school
3 governing body shall control the selection of employees at the public charter
4 school.

5 “(b) If a virtual public charter school or the sponsor of a virtual public
6 charter school contracts with a for-profit entity to provide educational ser-
7 vices through the virtual public charter school, the for-profit entity may not
8 be the employer of any employees of the virtual public charter school unless:

9 “(A) The employee is an administrator who does not have any teaching
10 responsibilities; and

11 “(B) Both the executive officer of the sponsor and the public charter
12 school governing body approve employment by the for-profit entity. The
13 executive officer or governing body may choose to grant approval under this
14 subparagraph:

15 “(i) For all employees of the for-profit entity who meet the description in
16 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

17 “(ii) Based on the job categories of the employees who meet the de-
18 scription in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or

19 “(iii) On a case-by-case basis for each employee who meets the description
20 in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

21 “(3) The school district board of the school district within which the
22 public charter school is located shall grant a leave of absence to any em-
23 ployee who chooses to work in the public charter school. The length and
24 terms of the leave of absence shall be set by negotiated agreement or by
25 board policy. However, the length of the leave of absence may not be less
26 than two years unless:

27 “(a) The charter of the public charter school is terminated or the public
28 charter school is dissolved or closed during the leave of absence; or

29 “(b) The employee and the school district board have mutually agreed to
30 a different length of time.

1 “(4) An employee of a public charter school operating within a school
2 district who is granted a leave of absence from the school district and re-
3 turns to employment with the school district shall retain seniority and ben-
4 efits as an employee pursuant to the terms of the leave of absence.
5 Notwithstanding ORS 243.650 to 243.809, a school district that was the em-
6 ployer of an employee of a public charter school not operating within the
7 school district may make provisions for the return of the employee to em-
8 ployment with the school district.

9 “(5)(a) For purposes of ORS chapters 238 and 238A, a public charter
10 school shall be considered a public employer and as such shall participate
11 in the Public Employees Retirement System.

12 “(b) For purposes of determining the salary paid to an active member of
13 the Public Employees Retirement System under ORS 238A.005 (17) during the
14 period between August 29, 2003, and January 1, 2020, remuneration paid to
15 a member in return for services to a public charter school is deemed
16 includable in the member’s taxable income under Oregon law during a period
17 of continuous employment with any public charter school if:

18 “(A) The member was hired in a qualifying position by any public charter
19 school on or after August 29, 2003;

20 “(B) The member was informed in writing by the public charter school
21 during the period of continuous employment that the member was eligible
22 to participate in the Public Employees Retirement System and the public
23 charter school made contributions to the system on the member’s behalf;

24 “(C) The remuneration was, or would have been if the member were an
25 Oregon resident, includable in the member’s taxable income under Oregon
26 law during the period of continuous employment; and

27 “(D) The member resided and performed services in the United States
28 during the period of continuous employment.

29 “(c) As used in this subsection, ‘continuous employment’ means employ-
30 ment with a public charter school that is not interrupted by a period of more

1 than 30 consecutive calendar days.

2 “(6) For teacher licensing, employment experience in public charter
3 schools shall be considered equivalent to experience in public schools.

4 “(7)(a) Any person employed as an administrator in a public charter
5 school shall be licensed or registered to administer by the [*Teacher Stan-*
6 *dards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**.

7 “(b) Any person employed as a teacher in a public charter school shall
8 be licensed or registered to teach by the [*commission*] **department**.

9 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, at least
10 one-half of the total full-time equivalent [*FTE*] teaching and administrative
11 staff at the public charter school shall be licensed by the [*commission*] **de-**
12 **partment** pursuant to ORS 342.125.

13 “(8) Notwithstanding ORS 243.650, a public charter school shall be con-
14 sidered a school district for purposes of ORS 243.650 to 243.809. An employee
15 of a public charter school may be a member of a labor organization or or-
16 ganize with other employees to bargain collectively. Bargaining units at the
17 public charter school may be separate from other bargaining units of the
18 sponsor or of the school district in which the public charter school is lo-
19 cated. Employees of a public charter school may be part of the bargaining
20 units of the sponsor or of the school district in which the public charter
21 school is located.

22 “(9) An entity described in ORS 338.005 (4) may not waive the right to
23 sponsor a public charter school in a collective bargaining agreement.

24 “**SECTION 12.** ORS 338.135, as amended by section 9, chapter 101, Oregon
25 Laws 2024, is amended to read:

26 “338.135. (1) Employee assignment to a public charter school shall be
27 voluntary.

28 “(2)(a) A public charter school or the sponsor of the public charter school
29 is considered the employer of any employees of the public charter school. If
30 a school district board is not the sponsor of the public charter school, the

1 school district board may not be the employer of the employees of the public
2 charter school and the school district board may not collectively bargain
3 with the employees of the public charter school. The public charter school
4 governing body shall control the selection of employees at the public charter
5 school.

6 “(b) If a virtual public charter school or the sponsor of a virtual public
7 charter school contracts with a for-profit entity to provide educational ser-
8 vices through the virtual public charter school, the for-profit entity may not
9 be the employer of any employees of the virtual public charter school unless:

10 “(A) The employee is an administrator who does not have any teaching
11 responsibilities; and

12 “(B) Both the executive officer of the sponsor and the public charter
13 school governing body approve employment by the for-profit entity. The
14 executive officer or governing body may choose to grant approval under this
15 subparagraph:

16 “(i) For all employees of the for-profit entity who meet the description in
17 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

18 “(ii) Based on the job categories of the employees who meet the de-
19 scription in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or

20 “(iii) On a case-by-case basis for each employee who meets the description
21 in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

22 “(3) The school district board of the school district within which the
23 public charter school is located shall grant a leave of absence to any em-
24 ployee who chooses to work in the public charter school. The length and
25 terms of the leave of absence shall be set by negotiated agreement or by
26 board policy. However, the length of the leave of absence may not be less
27 than two years unless:

28 “(a) The charter of the public charter school is terminated or the public
29 charter school is dissolved or closed during the leave of absence; or

30 “(b) The employee and the school district board have mutually agreed to

1 a different length of time.

2 “(4) An employee of a public charter school operating within a school
3 district who is granted a leave of absence from the school district and re-
4 turns to employment with the school district shall retain seniority and ben-
5 efits as an employee pursuant to the terms of the leave of absence.
6 Notwithstanding ORS 243.650 to 243.809, a school district that was the em-
7 ployer of an employee of a public charter school not operating within the
8 school district may make provisions for the return of the employee to em-
9 ployment with the school district.

10 “(5)(a) For purposes of ORS chapters 238 and 238A, a public charter
11 school shall be considered a public employer and as such shall participate
12 in the Public Employees Retirement System.

13 “(b) For purposes of determining the salary paid to an active member of
14 the Public Employees Retirement System under ORS 238A.005 (18) during the
15 period between August 29, 2003, and January 1, 2020, remuneration paid to
16 a member in return for services to a public charter school is deemed
17 includable in the member’s taxable income under Oregon law during a period
18 of continuous employment with any public charter school if:

19 “(A) The member was hired in a qualifying position by any public charter
20 school on or after August 29, 2003;

21 “(B) The member was informed in writing by the public charter school
22 during the period of continuous employment that the member was eligible
23 to participate in the Public Employees Retirement System and the public
24 charter school made contributions to the system on the member’s behalf;

25 “(C) The remuneration was, or would have been if the member were an
26 Oregon resident, includable in the member’s taxable income under Oregon
27 law during the period of continuous employment; and

28 “(D) The member resided and performed services in the United States
29 during the period of continuous employment.

30 “(c) As used in this subsection, ‘continuous employment’ means employ-

1 ment with a public charter school that is not interrupted by a period of more
2 than 30 consecutive calendar days.

3 “(6) For teacher licensing, employment experience in public charter
4 schools shall be considered equivalent to experience in public schools.

5 “(7)(a) Any person employed as an administrator in a public charter
6 school shall be licensed or registered to administer by the [*Teacher Stan-*
7 *dards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**.

8 “(b) Any person employed as a teacher in a public charter school shall
9 be licensed or registered to teach by the [*commission*] **department**.

10 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, at least
11 one-half of the total full-time equivalent [*FTE*] teaching and administrative
12 staff at the public charter school shall be licensed by the [*commission*] **de-**
13 **partment** pursuant to ORS 342.125.

14 “(8) Notwithstanding ORS 243.650, a public charter school shall be con-
15 sidered a school district for purposes of ORS 243.650 to 243.809. An employee
16 of a public charter school may be a member of a labor organization or or-
17 ganize with other employees to bargain collectively. Bargaining units at the
18 public charter school may be separate from other bargaining units of the
19 sponsor or of the school district in which the public charter school is lo-
20 cated. Employees of a public charter school may be part of the bargaining
21 units of the sponsor or of the school district in which the public charter
22 school is located.

23 “(9) An entity described in ORS 338.005 (4) may not waive the right to
24 sponsor a public charter school in a collective bargaining agreement.

25 **“SECTION 13.** ORS 339.250 is amended to read:

26 “339.250. (1) Public school students shall comply with rules for the gov-
27 ernment of such schools, pursue the prescribed course of study, use the pre-
28 scribed textbooks and submit to the teachers’ authority.

29 “(2) Each district school board shall adopt written policies for the disci-
30 pline, suspension or expulsion of any refractory student. The policies:

1 “(a) May allow discipline, suspension or expulsion for conduct that in-
2 cludes, but is not limited to:

3 “(A) Willful disobedience;

4 “(B) Open defiance of the authority of a school employee;

5 “(C) Possession or distribution of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or other con-
6 trolled substances;

7 “(D) Use or display of profane or obscene language;

8 “(E) Willful damage or injury to school property;

9 “(F) Use of threats, intimidation, harassment or coercion against a stu-
10 dent or a school employee;

11 “(G) Assault of a school employee or another student; or

12 “(H) Intentional attempts, by word or conduct, to place a school employee
13 or another student in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

14 “(b) Must require consideration of the age of a student and the past pat-
15 tern of behavior of a student prior to imposing the suspension or expulsion
16 of a student.

17 “(c) Must limit the use of expulsion to the following circumstances:

18 “(A) For conduct that poses a threat to the health or safety of students
19 or school employees;

20 “(B) When other strategies to change student conduct have been ineffec-
21 tive, except that expulsion may not be used to address truancy; or

22 “(C) When the expulsion is required by law.

23 “(d) In addition to any limitations imposed by paragraph (c) of this sub-
24 section, for a student who is in fifth grade or lower, must limit the use of
25 out-of-school suspension or of expulsion to the following circumstances:

26 “(A) For nonaccidental conduct causing serious physical harm to a stu-
27 dent or school employee;

28 “(B) When a school administrator determines, based upon the
29 administrator’s observation or upon a report from a school employee, that
30 the student’s conduct poses a direct threat to the health or safety of students

1 or school employees; or

2 “(C) When the suspension or expulsion is required by law.

3 “(e) When an out-of-school suspension is imposed as provided under par-
4 agraph (d) of this subsection, must require the school district to take steps
5 to prevent the recurrence of the behavior that led to the out-of-school sus-
6 pension and return the student to a classroom setting so that the disruption
7 of the student’s academic instruction is minimized.

8 “(f) Must be limited so that:

9 “(A) The duration of an expulsion may not be more than one calendar
10 year.

11 “(B) The duration of a suspension may not be more than 10 school days.

12 “(g) Notwithstanding ORS 336.010, may require a student to attend school
13 during nonschool hours as an alternative to suspension if the total number
14 of hours does not exceed the equivalent of 10 school days.

15 “(3) Pursuant to the policies adopted as provided by subsection (2) of this
16 section, each school district shall develop a student handbook, code of con-
17 duct or other document that:

18 “(a) Defines and helps create a learning environment that students re-
19 spect;

20 “(b) Defines acceptable norms of behavior for students and the types of
21 behavior that are subject to discipline;

22 “(c) Establishes procedures to address behavior or circumstances that
23 pose a threat to the safety of students or employees of the school;

24 “(d) Establishes a system of consequences that are designed to correct
25 student misconduct and promote behavior within acceptable norms; and

26 “(e) Makes the system of consequences known to the school community
27 through the dissemination of information to students, parents, legal guardi-
28 ans and school district employees.

29 “(4) Each district school board shall adopt written policies on managing
30 students who threaten violence or harm in public schools. The policies

1 adopted by a district school board under this section shall include all of the
2 following:

3 “(a) Staff reporting methods.

4 “(b) Provisions that allow an administrator to consider and implement
5 any of the following options:

6 “(A) Immediately removing from the classroom setting any student who
7 has threatened to injure another person or to severely damage school prop-
8 erty.

9 “(B) Placing the student in a setting where the behavior will receive im-
10 mediate attention, including, but not limited to, the office of the school
11 principal, vice principal, assistant principal, counselor or a school psychol-
12 ogist licensed by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **De-**
13 **partment of Education** or the office of any licensed mental health
14 professional.

15 “(C) Requiring that a school obtain an evaluation of a student by a li-
16 censed mental health professional before allowing the student to return to
17 the classroom setting. A student who is removed from the classroom setting
18 for an evaluation may not be removed for more than 10 school days unless
19 the administrator is able to show good cause that an evaluation could not
20 be completed in that time period. The policy must describe the circumstances
21 under which the district school board may enter into contracts with licensed
22 mental health professionals to perform any evaluations required under this
23 subparagraph.

24 “(c) The requirement that an administrator provide to the parent or legal
25 guardian of the student notification that describes the student’s behavior and
26 the school’s response.

27 “(d) A provision for the allocation of any funds necessary for the school
28 district to implement the policies described in this subsection.

29 “(5) In establishing and enforcing discipline, suspension and expulsion
30 policies, a district school board shall ensure that the policy is designed to:

1 “(a) Protect students and school employees from harm;

2 “(b) Provide opportunities for students to learn from their mistakes;

3 “(c) Foster positive learning communities;

4 “(d) Keep students in school and attending class;

5 “(e) Impose disciplinary sanctions without bias against students from a
6 protected class, as defined in ORS 339.351;

7 “(f) Implement a graduated set of age-appropriate responses to misconduct
8 that are fair, nondiscriminatory and proportionate in relation to each
9 student’s individual conduct;

10 “(g) Employ a range of strategies for prevention, intervention and disci-
11 pline that take into account a student’s developmental capacities and that
12 are proportionate to the degree and severity of the student’s misbehavior;

13 “(h) Propose, prior to a student’s expulsion or leaving school, alternative
14 programs of instruction or instruction combined with counseling for the
15 student that are appropriate and accessible to the student in the following
16 circumstances:

17 “(A) Following a second or subsequent occurrence within any three-year
18 period of a severe disciplinary problem with the student; or

19 “(B) When a parent or legal guardian applies for the student’s exemption
20 from compulsory attendance on a semiannual basis as provided in ORS
21 339.030 (2);

22 “(i) To the extent practicable, use approaches that are shown through
23 research to be effective in reducing student misbehavior and promoting safe
24 and productive social behavior; and

25 “(j) Ensure that school conduct and discipline codes comply with all state
26 and federal laws concerning the education of students with disabilities.

27 “(6) Except for policies adopted under subsection (7) of this section, any
28 policies adopted under this section must provide for the dissemination of
29 information about alternative programs of instruction or instruction com-
30 bined with counseling, as described in subsection (5)(h) of this section, in

1 writing to the student and the parent, legal guardian or person in parental
2 relationship with the student at least once every six months, unless the in-
3 formation has changed because of the availability of new programs.

4 “(7) Each district school board shall adopt a written policy involving
5 firearms, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921. The policy shall:

6 “(a) Require expulsion from school for a period of not less than one year
7 of any student who is determined to have:

8 “(A) Brought a firearm to a school, to school property under the juris-
9 diction of the school district or to an activity under the jurisdiction of the
10 school district;

11 “(B) Possessed, concealed or used a firearm in a school, on school prop-
12 erty under the jurisdiction of the school district or at an activity under the
13 jurisdiction of the school district; or

14 “(C) Brought to or possessed, concealed or used a firearm at an inter-
15 scholastic activity administered by a voluntary organization.

16 “(b) Allow exceptions:

17 “(A) For courses, programs and activities approved by the school district
18 that are conducted on school property, including, but not limited to, hunter
19 safety courses, Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, firearm-related
20 sports or firearm-related vocational courses; and

21 “(B) Identified by and adopted by the State Board of Education by rule.

22 “(c) Allow a superintendent of a school district to:

23 “(A) Modify the expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case
24 basis.

25 “(B) Propose alternative programs of instruction or instruction combined
26 with counseling for a student that are appropriate and accessible to the
27 student. If alternative programs are appropriate for a student, the super-
28 intendent shall ensure that information about programs of instruction or
29 instruction combined with counseling is provided in writing to the student
30 and the parent, legal guardian or person in parental relationship with the

1 student at least once every six months, or at any time the information
2 changes because of the availability of new programs.

3 “(d) Require a referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency of any
4 student who is expelled under this subsection.

5 “(e) Require an annual reporting to the Department of Education of the
6 name of each school that had an expulsion under this subsection and the
7 number of students expelled from each school.

8 “(8) Each district school board shall adopt and disseminate written poli-
9 cies for the use of physical force upon a student. The policies must allow an
10 individual who is a teacher, administrator, school employee or school vol-
11 unteer to use reasonable physical force upon a student when and to the ex-
12 tent the application of force is consistent with ORS 339.285 to 339.303.

13 “(9)(a) The authority to discipline a student does not authorize the in-
14 fliction of corporal punishment. Every resolution, bylaw, rule, ordinance or
15 other act of a district school board, a public charter school or the Depart-
16 ment of Education that permits or authorizes the infliction of corporal pun-
17 ishment upon a student is void and unenforceable.

18 “(b) As used in this subsection:

19 “(A) ‘Corporal punishment’ means the willful infliction of, or willfully
20 causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student.

21 “(B) ‘Corporal punishment’ does not include:

22 “(i) The use of physical force authorized by ORS 161.205 (2), (4) or (5) for
23 the reasons specified therein; or

24 “(ii) Physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by participation
25 in athletic competition or other such recreational activity, voluntarily en-
26 gaged in by a student.

27 “(10) For purposes of this section, calculations of the number of school
28 days that a student is removed from a classroom setting shall be as follows:

29 “(a) As a half day if the student is out of school for half, or less than half,
30 of the scheduled school day; and

1 “(b) As a full day if the student is out of school for more than half of the
2 scheduled school day.

3 **“SECTION 14.** ORS 339.370, as amended by section 1, chapter 45, Oregon
4 Laws 2024, is amended to read:

5 “339.370. As used in ORS 339.370 to 339.400:

6 “(1) ‘Abuse’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 419B.005.

7 “(2) ‘Agent’ means a person acting as an agent for an education provider
8 in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact
9 with students.

10 “[3] ‘*Commission licensee*’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
11 342.120.]

12 “[4] (3) ‘Contractor’ means a person providing services to an education
13 provider under a contract in a manner that requires the person to have di-
14 rect, unsupervised contact with students.

15 **“(4) ‘Department licensee’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
16 **342.120.**

17 “(5)(a) ‘Education provider’ means:

18 “(A) A school district, as defined in ORS 332.002.

19 “(B) The Oregon School for the Deaf.

20 “(C) An educational program under the Youth Corrections Education
21 Program.

22 “(D) A public charter school, as defined in ORS 338.005.

23 “(E) An education service district, as defined in ORS 334.003.

24 “(F) An approved recovery school, as defined in ORS 336.680.

25 “(G) Any state-operated program that provides educational services to
26 students.

27 “(H) A private school.

28 “(b) ‘Education provider’ does not include:

29 “(A) The Oregon Youth Authority;

30 “(B) The Department of Corrections; or

1 “(C) The Department of Education, except when functioning as an edu-
2 cation provider on behalf of the Oregon School for the Deaf.

3 “(6) ‘Investigation’ means a detailed inquiry into the factual allegations
4 of a report of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct that:

5 “(a) Is based on interviews with the person who initiated the report, the
6 person who may have been subjected to abuse or sexual conduct, witnesses
7 and the person who is the subject of the report; and

8 “(b) Results in a finding that the report:

9 “(A) Is a substantiated report;

10 “(B) Cannot be substantiated; or

11 “(C) Is not a report of abuse or sexual conduct.

12 “(7) ‘Law enforcement agency’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
13 419B.005.

14 “(8) ‘Licensed administrator’ means a person who is employed as an ad-
15 ministrator of an education provider and who:

16 “(a) Holds an administrative license issued by the [*Teacher Standards and*
17 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education** under ORS 342.125 (3)(f)
18 or (g); or

19 “(b) Does not hold an administrative license issued by the [*commission*]
20 **department** because the person is employed by an education provider that
21 does not require administrators to be licensed by the [*commission*] **depart-**
22 **ment**.

23 “(9) ‘Private school’ means a school that provides to students instruc-
24 tional programs that are not limited solely to dancing, drama, music, reli-
25 gious or athletic instruction.

26 “(10) ‘School board’ means the entity charged with adopting policies for
27 an education provider.

28 “(11) ‘School employee’ means an employee of an education provider.

29 “(12)(a) ‘Sexual conduct’ means verbal or physical conduct or verbal,
30 written or electronic communications by a school employee, a contractor, an

1 agent or a volunteer that involve a student and that are:

2 “(A) Sexual advances or requests for sexual favors directed toward the
3 student; or

4 “(B) Of a sexual nature that are directed toward the student or that have
5 the effect of unreasonably interfering with the student’s educational per-
6 formance, or of creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment.

7 “(b) ‘Sexual conduct’ does not include:

8 “(A) Touching or other physical contact:

9 “(i) That is necessitated by the nature of the school employee’s job duties
10 or by the services required to be provided by the contractor, agent or vol-
11 unteer; and

12 “(ii) For which there is no sexual intent.

13 “(B) Verbal, written or electronic communications that are provided as
14 part of an education program that meets state educational standards or a
15 policy approved by the school board.

16 “(C) Conduct or communications described in paragraph (a) of this sub-
17 section if the school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer is also a stu-
18 dent and the conduct or communications:

19 “(i) Arise out of a consensual relationship between students;

20 “(ii) Do not create an intimidating or hostile educational environment;
21 and

22 “(iii) Are not prohibited by law, any policies of the education provider
23 or any applicable employment agreements.

24 “(13) ‘Student’ means any person:

25 “(a) Who is:

26 “(A) In any grade from prekindergarten through grade 12; or

27 “(B) Twenty-one years of age or younger and receiving educational or
28 related services from an education provider that is not a post-secondary in-
29 stitution of education; or

30 “(b) Who was previously known as a student by the person engaging in

1 sexual conduct and who left school or graduated from high school within one
2 calendar year prior to the sexual conduct.

3 “(14) ‘Substantiated report’ means a report of abuse or sexual conduct
4 that a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services, [*the*
5 *Teacher Standards and Practices Commission,*] the Department of Education
6 or an education provider has reasonable cause to believe, based on the
7 available evidence after conducting an investigation, is founded.

8 “(15) ‘Volunteer’ means a person acting as a volunteer for an education
9 provider in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised
10 contact with students.

11 **“SECTION 15.** ORS 339.372 is amended to read:

12 “339.372. Each school board shall adopt policies on the reporting of sus-
13 pected abuse and suspected sexual conduct by school employees, contractors,
14 agents and volunteers and the reporting of suspected abuse by students. The
15 policies shall:

16 “(1) Specify that abuse and sexual conduct by school employees, contrac-
17 tors, agents and volunteers and abuse by students are not tolerated.

18 “(2) Specify that all school employees, contractors, agents, volunteers and
19 students are subject to the policies.

20 “(3) Require all school employees who have reasonable cause to believe
21 that another school employee or a contractor, an agent or a volunteer has
22 engaged in abuse or sexual conduct or that a student has engaged in abuse
23 to report:

24 “(a) To the licensed administrator designated as provided by subsection
25 (4) of this section all incidents of suspected abuse or suspected sexual con-
26 duct; and

27 “(b) To a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services
28 as required by ORS 419B.010 and 419B.015 all incidents of suspected abuse,
29 in addition to any report made as required under paragraph (a) of this sub-
30 section.

1 “(4) Designate a licensed administrator, and an alternate licensed admin-
2 istrator in the event the designated licensed administrator is the suspected
3 abuser, to:

4 “(a) Receive reports of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct by
5 school employees, contractors, agents or volunteers or suspected abuse by
6 students and specify the procedures to be followed by the licensed adminis-
7 trator upon receipt of a report; and

8 “(b) In the manner required by ORS 339.388 (2), inform [*the Teacher*
9 *Standards and Practices Commission* or] the Department of Education of re-
10 ports of suspected sexual conduct received under paragraph (a) of this sub-
11 section.

12 “(5) Specify the procedures to be followed after a report of suspected
13 abuse or suspected sexual conduct is received, including notification that:

14 “(a) All suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct by school employees,
15 contractors, agents or volunteers will be reported to a law enforcement
16 agency or to a state agency, as appropriate, for investigation;

17 “(b) A law enforcement agency or a state agency will complete an inves-
18 tigation regardless of any changes in the relationship or duties of the person
19 about whom the report was made; and

20 “(c) An education provider will take necessary actions as provided by
21 ORS 339.388 to ensure the student’s safety after a report is received, includ-
22 ing placing a school employee on paid administrative leave pending an in-
23 vestigation or prohibiting a contractor, an agent or a volunteer from
24 providing services to the education provider.

25 “(6) Require the posting in each school building of:

26 “(a) The name and contact information for the licensed administrator and
27 alternate licensed administrator designated for the school building to receive
28 reports of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct by school employees,
29 contractors, agents and volunteers or suspected abuse by students and the
30 procedures the licensed administrator will follow upon receipt of a report;

1 and

2 “(b) The contact information for making a report of suspected abuse to
3 a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services as required
4 by ORS 419B.010 and 419B.015 and a statement that the duty to report abuse
5 is in addition to any requirement to make a report to a licensed adminis-
6 trator.

7 “(7) Specify that the initiation of a report in good faith about suspected
8 abuse or suspected sexual conduct may not adversely affect any terms or
9 conditions of employment or the work environment of the person who initi-
10 ated the report or who may have been subjected to abuse or sexual conduct.

11 “(8) Specify that the education provider or any school employee, contrac-
12 tor, agent or volunteer will not discipline a student for the initiation of a
13 report in good faith about suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct by
14 a school employee, a contractor, an agent or a volunteer or suspected abuse
15 by a student.

16 “(9) Require notification, as allowed by state and federal law, by the ed-
17 ucation provider to the person who was subjected to the suspected abuse or
18 suspected sexual conduct about any actions taken by the education provider
19 based on the report.

20 “(10) Require the education provider to furnish to a school employee at
21 the time of hire, or to a contractor, an agent or a volunteer at the time of
22 beginning service for the education provider, the following:

23 “(a) A description of conduct that may constitute abuse or sexual conduct;

24 “(b) A description of the investigatory process and possible consequences
25 if a report of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct is substantiated;
26 and

27 “(c) A description of the prohibitions imposed on school employees, con-
28 tractors and agents when another school employee, contractor or agent at-
29 tempts to obtain a new job, as provided by ORS 339.378 (2).

30 “(11) Specify and make available to students, school employees, contrac-

1 tors, agents and volunteers a policy of appropriate electronic communi-
2 cations with students.

3 **“SECTION 16.** ORS 339.374 is amended to read:

4 “339.374. (1) Except as provided in ORS 339.384, before an education pro-
5 vider may hire an applicant for a position with the education provider as a
6 school employee, the education provider shall:

7 “(a) Require the applicant to provide:

8 “(A) A list of the applicant’s current and former employers who are edu-
9 cation providers.

10 “(B) A written authorization that authorizes education providers identi-
11 fied in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph to disclose the information re-
12 quested under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

13 “(C) A written statement of whether the applicant:

14 “(i) Has been the subject of a substantiated report of abuse or sexual
15 conduct; or

16 “(ii) Is the subject of an ongoing investigation related to a report of sus-
17 pected abuse or suspected sexual conduct.

18 “(b) Conduct a review of the employment history of the applicant with
19 education providers by contacting the three most recent education providers
20 identified in paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection and requesting from each
21 education provider:

22 “(A) The dates of employment of the applicant by the education provider.

23 “(B) Whether the education provider conducted an investigation and de-
24 termined that the applicant was the subject of any substantiated reports of
25 abuse or sexual conduct related to the applicant’s employment with the ed-
26 ucation provider and, if so, the following additional information:

27 “(i) The dates of any substantiated reports;

28 “(ii) The definitions of ‘abuse’ and ‘sexual conduct’ used by the education
29 provider when the education provider determined that any reports were
30 substantiated; and

1 “(iii) The standards used by the education provider to determine whether
2 any reports were substantiated.

3 “(c) For an applicant who is a [*commission*] **department** licensee, request
4 the [*commission*] **Department of Education** to verify:

5 “(A) That the applicant is a [*commission*] **department** licensee; and

6 “(B) Whether the [*commission*] **department** has an ongoing investigation
7 or has a substantiated report relating to conduct by the applicant that may
8 constitute sexual conduct.

9 “(d) For an applicant who is not a [*commission*] **department** licensee,
10 request the department [*of Education*] to verify whether the department has
11 an ongoing investigation or has a substantiated report relating to conduct
12 by the applicant that may constitute sexual conduct.

13 “(e) Conduct a nationwide criminal records check if required by ORS
14 326.603.

15 “(2) Before an education provider may accept the services of a contractor,
16 agent or volunteer, the education provider shall:

17 “(a) For a person who is a [*commission*] **department** licensee, request the
18 [*commission*] **department** to verify whether the [*commission*] **department**
19 has an ongoing investigation or has a substantiated report relating to con-
20 duct by the person that may constitute sexual conduct.

21 “(b) For a person who is not a [*commission*] **department** licensee, request
22 the department [*of Education*] to verify whether the department has an on-
23 going investigation or has a substantiated report relating to conduct by the
24 person that may constitute sexual conduct.

25 “(c) Conduct any background checks required under ORS 326.603, 326.604
26 or 326.607.

27 “**SECTION 17.** ORS 339.378 is amended to read:

28 “339.378. (1)(a) Not later than 20 days after receiving a request under ORS
29 339.374 (1)(b), an education provider that has or has had an employment re-
30 lationship with the applicant shall disclose the information requested.

1 “(b) An education provider may disclose the information on a standard-
2 ized form and is not required to provide any additional information related
3 to a substantiated report of abuse or sexual conduct other than the infor-
4 mation that is required by ORS 339.374 (1)(b).

5 “(c) Information received under this section is confidential and is not a
6 public record as defined in ORS 192.311. An education provider may use the
7 information only for the purpose of evaluating an applicant’s eligibility to
8 be hired.

9 “(2)(a) Except as provided by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection,
10 an individual who is a school employee, a contractor or an agent may not
11 assist another school employee, contractor or agent in obtaining any new job
12 if the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that the school
13 employee, contractor or agent engaged in abuse or sexual conduct.

14 “(b) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection prevents an education
15 provider from:

16 “(A) Disclosing the information described in subsection (1) of this section;
17 or

18 “(B) Providing the routine transmission of administrative and personnel
19 files.

20 “(c) The prohibition prescribed by paragraph (a) of this subsection does
21 not apply if the school employee, contractor or agent knows, or has reason-
22 able cause to believe:

23 “(A) That the suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct was reported
24 to a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services[, *the*
25 *Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the Department of Educa-
26 tion; and

27 “(B) Any of the following are true:

28 “(i) The report could be neither substantiated nor found to be unsub-
29 substantiated following an investigation;

30 “(ii) The report was found to be unsubstantiated;

1 “(iii) The report was found to be a substantiated report; or

2 “(iv) The investigation into the report remains ongoing after four years.

3 “(3)(a) The **Teacher Standards and Practices** Commission may take
4 disciplinary action against a school employee who is a [*commission*] **de-**
5 **partment** licensee for failure to disclose information as required by sub-
6 section (1)(a) of this section. In determining whether to take disciplinary
7 action, the commission may take into consideration any evidence presented
8 by the school employee that a longer period of time was necessary for good
9 cause.

10 “(b) Any violation of the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall
11 be considered gross neglect of duty under ORS 342.175.

12 “**SECTION 18.** ORS 339.388 is amended to read:

13 “339.388. (1)(a) A school employee shall immediately submit a report as
14 provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection if the school employee has rea-
15 sonable cause to believe that:

16 “(A) A student has been subjected to abuse by another school employee
17 or by a contractor, an agent, a volunteer or a student;

18 “(B) A student has been subjected to sexual conduct by another school
19 employee or by a contractor, an agent or a volunteer; or

20 “(C) Another school employee or a contractor, an agent or a volunteer
21 has engaged in sexual conduct.

22 “(b) The report required under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be
23 made to:

24 “(A) The licensed administrator designated in the policies adopted under
25 ORS 339.372, for all reports of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct;
26 and

27 “(B) A law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services as
28 required by ORS 419B.010 and 419B.015, for all reports of suspected abuse.

29 “(2) The licensed administrator who receives a report under subsection (1)
30 of this section shall follow the procedures required by the policies adopted

1 by the school board under ORS 339.372, including[.]

2 “[*a*] *Notifying the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission as soon*
3 *as possible of any reports of suspected sexual conduct that may have been*
4 *committed by a person who is a commission licensee; and]*

5 “[*b*] notifying the Department of Education as soon as possible of any
6 reports of suspected sexual conduct [*that may have been committed by a per-*
7 *son who is not a commission licensee*].

8 “(3)(a) When a licensed administrator receives a report of suspected abuse
9 or suspected sexual conduct by a school employee and there is reasonable
10 cause to support the report, the education provider shall:

11 “(A) Place the school employee on paid administrative leave; and

12 “(B) Take necessary actions to ensure the student’s safety.

13 “(b) A school employee who is placed on paid administrative leave under
14 paragraph (a) of this subsection shall remain on administrative leave until:

15 “(A) For a report of suspected abuse, a law enforcement agency or the
16 Department of Human Services determines that the report:

17 “(i) Is substantiated and the education provider takes the appropriate
18 employment action against the school employee; or

19 “(ii) Cannot be substantiated or is not a report of abuse and the education
20 provider:

21 “(I) Determines that an employment policy has been violated and takes
22 appropriate employment action against the school employee; or

23 “(II) Determines that an employment policy has not been violated and
24 employment action against the school employee is not required.

25 “(B) For a report of suspected sexual conduct, [*the Teacher Standards and*
26 *Practices Commission or*] the Department of Education determines that the
27 report:

28 “(i) Is substantiated and the education provider takes the appropriate
29 employment action against the school employee; or

30 “(ii) Cannot be substantiated or is not a report of sexual conduct and the

1 education provider:

2 “(I) Determines that an employment policy has been violated and takes
3 appropriate employment action against the school employee; or

4 “(II) Determines that an employment policy has not been violated and
5 that employment action against the school employee is not required.

6 “(c) When a school employee is placed on paid administrative leave under
7 paragraph (a) of this subsection, the education provider may not require the
8 school employee to use any accrued leave during the paid administrative
9 leave.

10 “(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, when a li-
11 censed administrator receives a report of suspected abuse or suspected sexual
12 conduct by a contractor, an agent or a volunteer, the education provider:

13 “(A) May immediately prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from
14 providing services to the education provider.

15 “(B) Shall prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing
16 services to the education provider if the education provider determines that
17 there is reasonable cause to support a report of abuse or sexual conduct.

18 “(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, an education
19 provider is not required to reinstate a contractor, an agent or a volunteer.
20 Any reinstatement of a contractor, an agent or a volunteer that does occur
21 may not occur until:

22 “(A) For a report of suspected abuse, a law enforcement agency or the
23 Department of Human Services determines that the report:

24 “(i) Is substantiated and the education provider takes the appropriate
25 actions to protect students; or

26 “(ii) Cannot be substantiated or is not a report of abuse and the education
27 provider:

28 “(I) Takes the appropriate actions to protect students; or

29 “(II) Determines that no other actions are required to protect students.

30 “(B) For a report of suspected sexual conduct, [*the Teacher Standards and*

1 *Practices Commission or*] the Department of Education determines that the
2 report:

3 “(i) Is substantiated and the education provider takes the appropriate
4 actions to protect students; or

5 “(ii) Cannot be substantiated or is not a report of sexual conduct and the
6 education provider:

7 “(I) Takes the appropriate actions to protect students; or

8 “(II) Determines that no other actions are required to protect students.

9 “(c) If a contract under which a contractor provides services to an edu-
10 cation provider or an agreement under which an agent provides services to
11 an education provider sets forth any negotiated standards for the relation-
12 ship between the contractor or agent and the education provider, the educa-
13 tion provider shall comply with those standards but may not in any instance
14 grant the contractor or agent more rights than granted to a school employee
15 under subsection (3) of this section.

16 “(d) Nothing in this subsection:

17 “(A) Establishes an employment relationship between an education pro-
18 vider and a contractor or an agent; or

19 “(B) Confers onto a contractor or an agent any rights of employment.

20 “(5)(a) When a report of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct is
21 investigated by a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human
22 Services[, *the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the Depart-
23 ment of Education, an education provider may use the findings of the entity
24 that conducted the investigation for the purpose of subsection (3) or (4) of
25 this section and for making any determinations described in subsection (6)
26 of this section.

27 “(b) Nothing in this subsection prohibits an education provider from:

28 “(A) Conducting an investigation related to a report of suspected abuse
29 or suspected sexual conduct, except that the education provider must:

30 “(i) If requested, allow the investigation to be led by an entity identified

1 in paragraph (a) of this subsection, as applicable;

2 “(ii) Follow any protocols and procedures of entities identified in para-
3 graph (a) of this subsection that are involved in the investigation; and

4 “(iii) Cooperate with the entities identified in paragraph (a) of this sub-
5 section that are involved in the investigation, including by:

6 “(I) Suspending any investigations of the education provider at the re-
7 quest of the entity; and

8 “(II) Sharing information with the entity as provided by subsection (10)
9 of this section.

10 “(B) Taking an employment action, based on information available to the
11 education provider, before an investigation conducted by an entity identified
12 in paragraph (a) of this subsection is completed.

13 “(6)(a) For each report of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct by
14 a school employee, an education provider must determine if:

15 “(A) An employment policy of the education provider was violated; and

16 “(B) The education provider will take any employment actions, including
17 disciplinary action against the school employee or changes to the employ-
18 ment relationship or duties of the school employee.

19 “(b) Determinations made under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be
20 based on the findings of an investigation conducted by:

21 “(A) A law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services[, *the*
22 *Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the Department of Educa-
23 tion; or

24 “(B) The education provider, if the education provider conducts an in-
25 vestigation.

26 “(c) A final determination by a law enforcement agency, the Department
27 of Human Services[, *the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the
28 Department of Education that a report of suspected abuse or suspected sex-
29 ual conduct cannot be substantiated or is not a report of abuse or sexual
30 conduct does not:

1 “(A) Relieve an education provider of the requirement to make determi-
2 nations under paragraph (a) of this subsection; or

3 “(B) Prohibit an education provider from taking any employment actions
4 against a school employee.

5 “(d) Except as provided by paragraph (e) of this subsection, determi-
6 nations made under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be made:

7 “(A) Within 60 calendar days from the date the education provider re-
8 ceived from a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services[,
9 *the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the Department of Ed-
10 ucation a final determination that a report of suspected abuse or suspected
11 sexual conduct involving a school employee is a substantiated report; or

12 “(B) Within 90 calendar days from the date the education provider:

13 “(i) Received from a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human
14 Services[, *the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the Depart-
15 ment of Education a final determination that a report of suspected abuse or
16 suspected sexual conduct involving a school employee cannot be substanti-
17 ated or is not a report of abuse or sexual conduct; or

18 “(ii) Received a report of suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct if
19 the education provider conducts an investigation.

20 “(e) The timelines prescribed by paragraph (d) of this subsection may be
21 extended if, for good cause, a longer period of time is necessary. For an ed-
22 ucation provider that conducts an investigation, good cause may include
23 suspending an investigation as required by subsection (5)(b) of this section.

24 “(7) If, in the course of an investigation by an education provider, the
25 education provider becomes aware of new information that gives rise to a
26 reasonable cause to believe that abuse or sexual conduct occurred, the edu-
27 cation provider shall ensure that a report is made to a law enforcement
28 agency or the Department of Human Services as required by ORS 419B.010
29 and 419B.015[, *the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the De-
30 partment of Education.

1 “(8) If, following an investigation, an education provider determines that
2 the education provider will take an employment action, the education pro-
3 vider shall:

4 “(a) Inform the school employee of the employment action that will be
5 taken by the education provider.

6 “(b) Provide the school employee with information about the appropriate
7 appeal process for the employment action taken by the education provider.
8 The appeal process may be the process provided by a collective bargaining
9 agreement or a process administered by a neutral third party and paid for
10 by the education provider.

11 “(c) Following notice of a school employee’s decision not to appeal the
12 employment action of an education provider or following the determination
13 of an appeal that sustained the employment action taken by the education
14 provider, create a record of the findings of the substantiated report and the
15 employment action taken by the education provider and place the record in
16 any documents maintained by the education provider on the school employee.
17 Records created pursuant to this paragraph are confidential and are not
18 public records as defined in ORS 192.311. An education provider may use the
19 record as a basis for providing the information required to be disclosed about
20 a school employee under ORS 339.378 (1).

21 “(d) Inform the school employee that information about substantiated re-
22 ports may be disclosed to a potential employer as provided by ORS 339.378
23 (1).

24 “(9)(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, an education
25 provider that is a private school:

26 “(A) May take an employment action in relation to a school employee, a
27 contractor, an agent or a volunteer according to:

28 “(i) The provisions of this section; or

29 “(ii) The standards and policies of the private school if the standards and
30 policies provide the same or greater safeguards for the protection of students

1 compared to the safeguards described in this section.

2 “(B) May follow the procedures described in subsection (8) of this section
3 or may follow any appeals process established by the private school related
4 to suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct.

5 “(b) A private school that chooses to take an employment action or other
6 action in relation to a school employee, a contractor, an agent or a volunteer
7 according to the standards and policies of the private school must provide
8 the information required to be disclosed under ORS 339.378 (1).

9 “(10) Upon request from a law enforcement agency, the Department of
10 Human Services[, *the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] or the
11 Department of Education, in conducting an investigation related to suspected
12 abuse or suspected sexual conduct, an education provider shall immediately
13 provide any requested documents or materials, to the extent allowed by state
14 and federal law, including laws protecting a person from self-incrimination.

15 **“SECTION 19.** ORS 339.389 is amended to read:

16 “339.389. (1) When the Department of Education receives from the De-
17 partment of Human Services notification of a report of abuse or receives a
18 report on the outcomes of an investigation of abuse, as provided by ORS
19 419B.019 or 419B.020, and the notification or report involves a child and a
20 person who is a school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer, the De-
21 partment of Education may notify, as soon as practicable, any education
22 provider that the Department of Education determines must be notified to
23 ensure the safety of children.

24 “(2) When providing notice to an education provider under subsection (1)
25 of this section, the Department of Education:

26 “(a) Shall include any information the department determines is necessary
27 to ensure the safety of children, including the name of the school and the
28 name of the person who allegedly committed the suspected abuse.

29 “(b) May not disclose the name and address of, or any other identifying
30 information about, the person who made the report of suspected abuse.

1 “(3) The Department of Education may provide information related to the
2 notification or report received as described in subsection (1) of this section
3 to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission if the department de-
4 termines that[:]

5 “[*(a)* *The commission must be notified to ensure the safety of children;*
6 *and*]

7 “[*(b)*] the notification or report involves a person who is licensed by the
8 **department and may be subject to discipline by the** commission.

9 “(4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, any information received
10 as provided by this section is not a public record and is not subject to public
11 inspection.

12 “(b) Any person or entity who receives information under this section may
13 not release the information, unless as otherwise provided by law.

14 “(5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules for the purposes of
15 implementing this section.

16 **“SECTION 20.** ORS 339.390 is amended to read:

17 “339.390. (1)(a) When the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*]
18 **Department of Education** receives a report of suspected sexual conduct
19 that may have been committed by a [*commission*] **department** licensee, the
20 [*commission*] **department** shall immediately initiate an investigation.

21 “(b) An investigation and final determination related to a report received
22 under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be completed and notification
23 of the final determination must be made to the education provider within 90
24 calendar days following the date on which the report was filed with the
25 [*commission*] **department**.

26 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, the prescribed
27 timeline for an investigation and final determination may be extended if, for
28 good cause, a longer period of time is necessary.

29 “(2) The [*commission*] **department** shall appoint an investigator and shall
30 furnish the investigator with appropriate professional and other special as-

1 sistance reasonably required to conduct an investigation. An investigator
2 appointed under this subsection is empowered to:

3 “(a) Issue subpoenas to require the attendance of witnesses or the pro-
4 duction of documents;

5 “(b) Subpoena witnesses; and

6 “(c) Swear witnesses and compel obedience in the same manner as pro-
7 vided under ORS 183.440 (2).

8 “(3)(a) Following the completion of an investigation, the investigator
9 shall report in writing the findings and recommendations to the [*executive*
10 *director of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. The executive*
11 *director or the executive director’s designee shall forward to the*] **department.**
12 **The department shall forward to the Teacher Standards and Practices**
13 **Commission the report for any investigation that concluded that a violation**
14 **occurred.**

15 “(b) If, based on the findings, the [*executive director*] **department** believes
16 there is an immediate threat to a student, the [*executive director*] **depart-**
17 **ment** shall request that the commission meet in executive session.

18 “(4) The [*executive director or the*] investigator shall report in writing the
19 findings and recommendations to impose disciplinary sanctions to the com-
20 mission. The commission shall decide if there is sufficient cause to justify
21 holding a hearing under ORS 342.177.

22 “(5) If the commission finds that there is sufficient cause to justify hold-
23 ing a hearing under ORS 342.177, the [*commission*] **department** shall notify
24 in writing:

25 “(a) The person charged, enclosing a statement of the charges and a no-
26 tice of opportunity for hearing;

27 “(b) The student and, if applicable, the student’s parents;

28 “(c) The education provider; and

29 “(d) The person who provided the report of suspected sexual conduct.

30 “(6) If there is not sufficient cause to justify holding a hearing under ORS

1 342.177, the [commission] **department** shall notify in writing:

2 “(a) The person charged;

3 “(b) The student and, if applicable, the student’s parents;

4 “(c) The education provider; and

5 “(d) The person who provided the report of suspected sexual conduct.

6 “(7)(a) The documents and materials used in the investigation undertaken
7 under this section, and the report related to the investigation, are confiden-
8 tial and not subject to public inspection:

9 “(A) Unless the commission makes a final determination to discipline a
10 [commission] **department** licensee, as provided under ORS 342.175.

11 “(B) Except as provided by paragraphs (b) to (d) of this subsection.

12 “(b) Documents, materials and reports that are confidential under para-
13 graph (a) of this subsection may be disclosed to an entity listed in paragraph
14 (c) or (d) of this subsection only as provided by this subsection and rules
15 adopted by **the State Board of Education** [the commission]. The entity that
16 receives documents, materials or reports must maintain their confidentiality
17 unless disclosure is allowed or required under this section or other state or
18 federal law.

19 “(c) To the extent allowed by state and federal law, the [commission] **de-**
20 **partment** shall make available any documents, materials and reports that
21 are confidential under paragraph (a) of this subsection to:

22 “(A) A law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services for
23 the purpose of conducting an investigation under ORS 419B.005 to
24 419B.050[; or]; **and**

25 “[*B) The Department of Education for the purpose of conducting an in-*
26 *vestigation under ORS 339.391*]

27 “(B) **The commission for the purpose of discipline.**

28 “(d)(A) The [commission] **Department of Education** shall make available
29 the [commission’s] **department’s** investigative report to:

30 “(i) An education provider for the purpose of the education provider tak-

1 ing any disciplinary actions or making changes in the employment relation-
2 ship or duties of the [commission] **department** licensee; and

3 “(ii) The [commission] **department** licensee who is the subject of the re-
4 port.

5 “(B) The [commission] **department** must redact [*the executive director’s*
6 recommendation] **any recommendations** from the report made available
7 under this paragraph.

8 “(C) A [commission] **department** licensee who receives a report under
9 this paragraph may share the report with the person’s attorney or union
10 representative. An attorney or union representative who receives a report
11 under this subparagraph must maintain the report’s confidentiality unless
12 disclosure is allowed or required under this section or other state or federal
13 law.

14 “(e) The [commission] **department** shall retain documents and materials
15 related to any report received under this section, regardless of whether the
16 commission found sufficient cause to justify holding a hearing under this
17 section.

18 “(8) Notwithstanding ORS 192.660 (6), the commission may make its
19 findings under this section in executive session. The provisions of ORS
20 192.660 (4) apply to executive sessions held pursuant to this subsection.

21 “(9) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the adminis-
22 tration of this section, including a process to appeal the findings of the **de-**
23 **partment or the disciplinary actions of the** commission under this
24 section.

25 **“SECTION 21.** ORS 339.391 is amended to read:

26 “339.391. (1)(a) When the Department of Education receives a report of
27 suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a school em-
28 ployee, contractor, agent or volunteer that is not a [commission] **department**
29 licensee, the department shall immediately initiate an investigation.

30 “(b) An investigation and final determination related to the report re-

1 ceived under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be completed and notifi-
2 cation of the final determination must be made to the education provider
3 within 90 calendar days following the date on which the report was filed
4 with the department.

5 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, the prescribed
6 timeline for an investigation and final determination may be extended if the
7 department determines that, for good cause, a longer period of time is nec-
8 essary.

9 “(2) The department shall appoint an investigator and shall furnish the
10 investigator with appropriate professional and other special assistance rea-
11 sonably required to conduct an investigation. An investigator appointed un-
12 der this subsection is empowered to:

13 “(a) Issue subpoenas to require the attendance of witnesses or the pro-
14 duction of documents;

15 “(b) Subpoena witnesses; and

16 “(c) Swear witnesses and compel obedience in the same manner as pro-
17 vided under ORS 183.440 (2).

18 “(3)(a) Following the completion of an investigation, the Department of
19 Education shall notify:

20 “(A) The person charged;

21 “(B) The student, the student’s parents or legal guardians, or both the
22 student and the student’s parents or legal guardians;

23 “(C) The education provider;

24 “(D) The person who provided the report of suspected sexual conduct, if
25 known by the department; and

26 “(E) For a substantiated report only, any regulatory board that[:]

27 “[*i*] *Is not the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission; and*]

28 “[*ii*] the department knows licensed, registered, certified or otherwise
29 authorized the school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer to practice a
30 profession or to provide professional services.

1 “(b) The notification required under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall
2 include the following information as allowed by state and federal law:

3 “(A) The statutory authority of the department to conduct the investi-
4 gation;

5 “(B) The procedural background for the investigation;

6 “(C) The legal standards and arguments used for the investigation;

7 “(D) The department’s findings of fact from the investigation;

8 “(E) The department’s final determination based on the investigation; and

9 “(F) The right to an appeal, as provided by subsection (5) of this section.

10 “(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection and
11 subsection (3) of this section, the documents and materials used in the in-
12 vestigation undertaken under this section, and the report related to the in-
13 vestigation, are confidential and not subject to public inspection.

14 “(b) Documents, materials and reports that are confidential under para-
15 graph (a) of this subsection may be disclosed to an entity listed in paragraph
16 (c) of this subsection, or in the manner described in subsection (3) of this
17 section, only as provided by this section and by rules adopted by the State
18 Board of Education. The person or entity that receives documents, materials
19 or reports must maintain their confidentiality unless disclosure is allowed
20 or required under this section or other state or federal law.

21 “(c) To the extent allowed by state and federal law, the department shall
22 make available any documents, materials and reports that are confidential
23 under paragraph (a) of this subsection to:

24 “(A) A law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services if
25 necessary to conduct an investigation under ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050;

26 “(B) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission if necessary for
27 the commission to [*conduct an investigation under ORS 339.390 or 342.176*]
28 **impose discipline related to a department licensee;** and

29 “(C) An education provider if necessary for the education provider to take
30 any disciplinary action or changes in the employment relationship or duties

1 of the school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer.

2 “(d) The Department of Education shall retain documents and materials
3 related to any report received under this section for a period of 75 years.

4 “(5) A person who is the subject of an investigation under this section
5 may appeal a final determination that the report related to the investigation
6 is a substantiated report as a contested case under ORS chapter 183.

7 “(6) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules necessary for the
8 administration of this section.

9 **“SECTION 22.** ORS 341.535 is amended to read:

10 “341.535. (1) Community college faculty are not required to have teaching
11 licenses.

12 “(2) Notwithstanding ORS 342.173, community college faculty who provide
13 instruction in cooperation with a school district for academic, career and
14 technical education, school-to-work or other work-related programs under
15 ORS chapter 329 are not required to have teaching licenses. If the faculty
16 member is not a regular full-time employee of the community college, the
17 school district shall follow the instructor appraisal committee procedures
18 adopted by **rule of** the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

19 “(3) Until a community college becomes accredited by the Northwest
20 Commission on Colleges and Universities or its successor, the board shall
21 obtain the approval of the accredited community college with which it con-
22 tracts for curriculum and instructional services before employing any person
23 to teach transfer courses.

24 **“SECTION 23.** ORS 342.120 is amended to read:

25 “342.120. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

26 “(1) ‘Administrator’ includes but is not limited to all superintendents,
27 assistant superintendents, principals and academic program directors in
28 public schools or education service districts who have direct responsibility
29 for supervision or evaluation of licensed teachers and who are compensated
30 for their services from public funds.

1 “(2) ‘Administrative license’ means a license issued under ORS 342.125
2 (3)(f) or (g).

3 “(3) ‘Approved educator preparation program’ means a licensure program
4 that:

5 “(a) Prepares persons to become educators in any grade from preprimary
6 through grade 12;

7 “(b) Is offered by an approved educator preparation provider; and

8 “(c) Meets the standards of the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-
9 mission, as provided by ORS 342.147.

10 “(4) ‘Approved educator preparation provider’ means a sponsor or provider
11 of an educator preparation program that meets the standards of the Teacher
12 Standards and Practices Commission, as provided by ORS 342.147.

13 “(5) ‘[*Commission*] **Department** licensee’ means a person whom the
14 [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**
15 has the authority to investigate [*or discipline*] because the person:

16 “(a) Is enrolled in an approved educator preparation program;

17 “(b) Is an applicant for a [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*]
18 **department** license or registration;

19 “(c) Holds a license or registration issued by the [*Teacher Standards and*
20 *Practices Commission*] **department**; or

21 “(d) Has held a license or registration issued by the [*Teacher Standards*
22 *and Practices Commission*] **department** at any time during the previous five
23 years.

24 “(6) ‘Instruction’ includes preparation of curriculum, assessment and di-
25 rection of learning in class, in small groups, in individual situations, online,
26 in the library and in guidance and counseling, but does not include the
27 provision of related services, as defined in ORS 343.035, to a child identified
28 as a child with a disability pursuant to ORS 343.146 to 343.183 when provided
29 in accordance with ORS 343.221.

30 “(7) ‘Instructional assistant’ means a classified school employee who does

1 not require a license to teach, who is employed by a school district or edu-
2 cation service district and whose assignment consists of and is limited to
3 assisting a licensed teacher in accordance with rules established by the
4 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

5 “(8) ‘Teacher’ includes all licensed employees in the public schools or
6 employed by an education service district who have direct responsibility for
7 instruction or coordination of educational programs and who are compen-
8 sated for their services from public funds. ‘Teacher’ does not include a school
9 nurse as defined in ORS 342.455 or an instructional assistant.

10 “(9) ‘Teaching license’ means a license issued under ORS 342.125 or
11 342.144.

12 “(10) ‘Underrepresented person’ means:

13 “(a) A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa,
14 but who is not Hispanic;

15 “(b) A person of Hispanic culture or origin;

16 “(c) A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far
17 East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands; or

18 “(d) An American Indian or Alaska Native having origins in any of the
19 original peoples of North America.

20 “**SECTION 24.** ORS 342.121 is amended to read:

21 “342.121. (1) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Depart-**
22 **ment of Education** shall issue licenses to teachers and administrators who
23 possess the minimum competencies, knowledge and skills to teach and ad-
24 minister in the public schools of this state.

25 “(2) In addition to a teaching or administrative license, a person may
26 obtain professional certification, indicating a higher degree of competency,
27 knowledge and skill based on work experience and advanced study, from a
28 professional organization of teachers or administrators on the national level.
29 A professional teaching certificate or administrative certificate is not re-
30 quired to teach or administer in a public school of this state.

1 **“SECTION 25.** ORS 342.122 is amended to read:

2 “342.122. (1) There is created the National Board Certification Fund,
3 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned on moneys in
4 the National Board Certification Fund shall be credited to the fund.

5 “(2) The National Board Certification Fund shall include any state or
6 federal moneys made available to the fund, including moneys appropriated
7 by the Legislative Assembly and federal moneys made available to improve
8 teacher quality through professional development. The [*Teacher Standards*
9 *and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education** may accept from any
10 source any grant, donation or gift of money or other valuable thing made to
11 the [*commission*] **department** for purposes of the fund.

12 “(3) Moneys credited to the National Board Certification Fund are con-
13 tinuously appropriated to the [*commission*] **department** for the purposes set
14 forth in subsections (4) and (5) of this section. The [*commission*] **department**
15 may draw checks or orders upon the State Treasurer in making disburse-
16 ments from the fund for the purposes stated in this subsection.

17 “(4) Moneys in the National Board Certification Fund shall be used to
18 encourage at least 150 public school teachers in this state to apply for and
19 attain certification each biennium through the National Board for Profes-
20 sional Teaching Standards or any other national professional organization
21 for teaching standards designated by the Teacher Standards and Practices
22 Commission **by rule**.

23 “(5) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **department** may
24 disburse moneys from the National Board Certification Fund to applicants
25 for assistance with the direct costs of seeking and obtaining national board
26 certification, including reimbursement for the costs of each of the compo-
27 nents necessary for certification and reimbursement for costs related to
28 participating in a cohort for certification. The [*commission*] **department** may
29 retain no more than 10 percent of all moneys received under this section
30 during a biennium from state and federal sources for the purpose of paying

1 administrative expenses incurred by the [*commission*] **department** under this
2 subsection.

3 “(6) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **commission** shall
4 adopt rules that govern the disbursement of moneys from the National Board
5 Certification Fund consistent with this section, including requirements that
6 recipients of disbursements must be licensed by the [*commission*] **depart-**
7 **ment** and employed with a public educational program in this state.

8 “**SECTION 26.** ORS 342.123 is amended to read:

9 “342.123. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other law or rule or
10 standard established by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission,
11 the commission shall require an applicant for a first-time license or regis-
12 tration issued by the [*commission*] **Department of Education** to demon-
13 strate knowledge of:

14 “(a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education
15 Amendments of 1972, and other relevant federal and state statutes prohibit-
16 ing discrimination; and

17 “(b) Ethical standards of professional conduct for licensees and regis-
18 trants, as determined by the **department based on rules of the** commission.

19 “(2) The requirements of this section do not apply to an applicant who is
20 present in the United States on a nonimmigrant visa.

21 “**SECTION 27.** ORS 342.125 is amended to read:

22 “342.125. (1) Teaching licenses shall be issued and renewed by the
23 [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**
24 by the authority of the State of Oregon, subject to ORS 342.120 to 342.430
25 and the rules of the **Teacher Standards and Practices** Commission.

26 “(2) Notwithstanding any requirements prescribed for issuance of a li-
27 cense, a person whose application for a license is pending may be employed
28 in the public schools of this state for 90 calendar days after the date of
29 submission of the application if:

30 “(a) The person is not ineligible for a license following background checks

1 conducted by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*]
2 **department**, including a criminal records check as provided in ORS
3 181A.195 and a background check through an interstate clearinghouse of re-
4 voked and suspended licenses;

5 “(b) The school district has completed the review of the employment his-
6 tory of the person as required by ORS 339.374;

7 “(c) The person had not been employed as provided by this subsection
8 during the previous 12 months with a pending application for the same li-
9 cense; and

10 “(d) The person and the school district have complied with any other re-
11 quirements established by the commission **and the State Board of Educa-**
12 **tion** by rule.

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

15 “(a) Preliminary teaching license.

16 “(b) Professional teaching license.

17 “(c) Distinguished teacher leader license.

18 “(d) Preliminary personnel service license.

19 “(e) Professional personnel service license.

20 “(f) Preliminary administrative license.

21 “(g) Professional administrative license.

22 “(h) Reciprocal license.

23 “(i) Legacy license.

24 “(4) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices*] commission may establish
25 other types of teaching licenses as the commission considers necessary for
26 operation of the public schools of the state and may prescribe the qualifica-
27 tions for the licenses. However, no license established under the authority
28 of this subsection is required for a regular classroom teaching position in the
29 public schools.

30 “(5) Notwithstanding ORS 342.127, any person who has held a teaching

1 license identified in subsection (3) of this section or established as provided
2 by subsection (4) of this section may, within three years of retirement and
3 without payment of any fees or any other additional requirements, convert
4 the teaching license into a substitute teaching license.

5 “(6)(a) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices*] commission shall **by rule**
6 establish a public charter school teacher and administrator registry **to be**
7 **maintained by the Department of Education**. The [*commission*] **rules**
8 shall require the applicant and the public charter school to jointly submit
9 an application requesting registration as a public charter school teacher or
10 administrator. The application shall include:

11 “(A) A description of the specific teaching or administrator position the
12 applicant will fill;

13 “(B) A description of the background of the applicant that is relevant to
14 the teaching or administrator position, including any post-secondary educa-
15 tion or other experience; and

16 “(C) Documentation as required by the [*commission*] **department** for the
17 purposes of conducting a criminal records check as provided in ORS 181A.195
18 and a background check through an interstate clearinghouse of revoked and
19 suspended licenses.

20 “(b) Subject to the results of the criminal records check and background
21 check and to information received under ORS 342.143 (2), the [*commission*]
22 **department** shall approve the application for registration. The
23 [*commission*] **department** may deny a request for registration only on the
24 basis of the criminal records check, the background check through an inter-
25 state clearinghouse of revoked and suspended licenses or the information
26 received under ORS 342.143 (2). The registration is valid for a term estab-
27 lished by the commission **by rule** and, subject to information received under
28 ORS 342.143 (2), may be renewed upon joint application from the teacher or
29 administrator and the public charter school.

30 “(c) A registration as a public charter school teacher qualifies its holder

1 to accept the teaching position described in the application in the public
2 charter school that submitted the application with the holder of the regis-
3 tration.

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

8 “(7)(a) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall adopt **by**
9 **rule** an expedited process for the issuance of any license established pursu-
10 ant to this section. The expedited process may require the following:

11 “(A) The showing of an urgent situation; and

12 “(B) The joint request for the expedited process from the applicant for the
13 license and:

14 “(i) The school district superintendent or school district board;

15 “(ii) The public charter school governing body; or

16 “(iii) The education service district superintendent or board of directors
17 of the education service district.

18 “(b) Except as provided by paragraph (c) of this subsection, the [*commis-*
19 *sion*] **department** shall issue a license as provided by this subsection within
20 two working days after receiving a completed application.

21 “(c) The commission may limit the number of applications the
22 [*commission*] **department** will accept under this subsection from a school
23 district or an education service district to not more than 100 applications in
24 a period of two working days.

25 “(d) For purposes of this subsection, the [*commission*] **department** may
26 not distinguish between a school district or an education service district
27 involved in a labor dispute and any other school district or education service
28 district.

29 “**SECTION 28.** ORS 342.127 is amended to read:

30 “342.127. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall es-

1 tablish [*and collect:*] **and the Department of Education shall collect:**

2 “(a) A fee not to exceed \$350 for evaluation of the initial application for
3 each educator license for which application is made. If the applicant is eli-
4 gible for the educator license for which application is made, the
5 [*commission*] **department** shall issue the license without additional charge.

6 “(b) A fee not to exceed \$350 for the renewal of each educator license and
7 a fee not to exceed \$50 for each official paper license. If the educator is
8 certified by a national professional organization for teaching standards [*re-*
9 *cognized by the commission*] **designated by the commission by rule**, the
10 [*commission*] **department** shall renew the license without charge.

11 “(c) A fee not to exceed \$800 for a beginning educator assessment con-
12 ducted in lieu of an approved preparation program required for licensure.

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

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

19 “(2) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for
20 the issuance of an educator license, the [*commission*] **department** shall col-
21 lect a fee not to exceed \$150 for the evaluation of an applicant requesting
22 licensing based upon completion of an educator preparation program other
23 than an Oregon approved educator preparation program.

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

30 “(4) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the

1 [commission] **department** shall collect a late application fee not to exceed
2 \$350 for the reinstatement of an expired license. The requirements for rein-
3 statement and the actual amount of the fee shall be determined in accord-
4 ance with rules of the commission.

5 “(5) Notwithstanding the expiration date posted on the license, the license
6 shall continue to be valid for an additional 120 days, provided the educator
7 has made a timely application, as determined by the [commission] **depart-**
8 **ment**, for renewal prior to the expiration date on the license.

9 “(6) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for
10 the issuance of an educator license, the [commission] **department** shall col-
11 lect a fee not to exceed \$1,000 for the reinstatement of a license that has
12 been suspended or revoked by the [commission] **department** for gross neglect
13 of duty or gross unfitness under ORS 342.175.

14 “(7) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for
15 the issuance of an educator license, the [commission] **department** shall col-
16 lect a fee not to exceed \$200 for the issuance of any license through an ex-
17 pedited process under ORS 342.125 (7) at the request of any school district,
18 public charter school or education service district that seeks to employ the
19 applicant. The fee shall be paid by the school district, public charter school
20 or education service district.

21 “(8) Fees established under this section shall cover, but not exceed, the
22 full cost of administrative expenses incurred by the [commission] **depart-**
23 **ment** during any biennium.

24 “**SECTION 29.** ORS 342.130 is amended to read:

25 “342.130. (1) Nothing in ORS 342.120 to 342.173 is intended to invalidate
26 the life of any certificate or diploma in effect on June 30, 1965, nor to in-
27 validate the rights granted prior to June 30, 1965, by the law and the rules
28 of the State Board of Education under which the certificate or diploma was
29 issued.

30 “(2) Nothing in chapter 550, Oregon Laws 1965, is intended to invalidate

1 the life of any teaching certificate in effect on August 13, 1965, or to alter
2 the rights and privileges granted prior to August 13, 1965, by the law under
3 which the teaching certificate was issued.

4 “(3) Nothing in ORS 342.120 to 342.173 is intended to invalidate the life
5 of any basic or standard teaching or administrative license in effect prior to
6 January 15, 1999, nor to invalidate the rights granted prior to January 15,
7 1999, by the law and by the rules under which the license was issued.

8 “(4) Nothing in chapter 647, Oregon Laws 2015, is intended to invalidate
9 the life of any teaching, administrative or personnel service license in effect
10 on July 6, 2015, or to alter the rights and privileges granted prior to July
11 6, 2015, by the law under which the license was issued.

12 “(5) **Nothing in this 2025 Act is intended to invalidate the life of any**
13 **teaching, administrative or personnel service license in effect prior to**
14 **the effective date of this 2025 Act, or to alter the rights and privileges**
15 **granted prior to the effective date of this 2025 Act, by the law under**
16 **which the license was issued.**

17 “**SECTION 30.** ORS 342.136 is amended to read:

18 “342.136. (1) A preliminary teaching license, personnel service license or
19 administrative license shall qualify its holder to accept any assignment from
20 preprimary through grade 12 for which the holder has completed the re-
21 quirements established by the rules of the Teacher Standards and Practices
22 Commission.

23 “(2) A preliminary teaching license, personnel service license or adminis-
24 trative license shall be issued on application to an otherwise qualified ap-
25 plicant who has completed an approved professional education program and
26 meets such other requirements as the commission may consider necessary to
27 maintain and improve the quality of instruction in the public schools of the
28 state.

29 “(3) In addition to any requirements imposed under subsections (1) and (2)
30 of this section, an applicant for a preliminary teaching license must complete

1 a supervised clinical practice experience. The supervised clinical practice
2 experience:

3 “(a) May include student teaching, internships, observations and similar
4 experiences;

5 “(b) Must be under the direction of:

6 “(A) A supervisor from the approved educator preparation program in
7 which the applicant is enrolled; and

8 “(B) A teacher who is from the school district where the applicant is
9 completing the supervised clinical practice experience and who:

10 “(i) Possesses a teaching license issued by the [*Teacher Standards and*
11 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**;

12 “(ii) Has been an effective teacher for three or more years, as determined
13 under rules adopted by the commission; and

14 “(iii) Is trained to supervise the applicant during the applicant’s super-
15 vised clinical practice experience and to work in partnership with the
16 applicant’s supervisor from an approved educator preparation program; and

17 “(c) Must comply with other requirements adopted by the commission by
18 rule.

19 “(4) A preliminary teaching license, personnel service license or adminis-
20 trative license may be renewed if the applicant meets the requirements es-
21 tablished by the commission by rule.

22 “(5) The [*commission*] **department** shall develop a process that allows a
23 teacher holding a preliminary teaching license to continually renew the
24 preliminary teaching license based on the completion of requirements estab-
25 lished by the rules of the commission if the teacher does not qualify for a
26 professional teaching license due to lack of employment.

27 “**SECTION 31.** ORS 342.137 is amended to read:

28 “342.137. (1) A distinguished teacher leader license shall designate that
29 its holder is qualified to provide leadership that may include mentoring,
30 curriculum development support, teacher preparation support and other edu-

1 cational leadership.

2 “(2) A distinguished teacher leader license shall be issued on application
3 to an otherwise qualified person who:

4 “(a) Has a valid professional teaching license; and

5 “(b) Has been deemed to be effective to highly effective in teaching, as
6 shown by:

7 “(A) A combination of evaluations conducted in compliance with ORS
8 342.856 and evidence of current professional leadership practices, as deter-
9 mined based on standards adopted by the Teacher Standards and Practices
10 Commission by rule; or

11 “(B) Other evidence identified by the commission by rule.

12 “(3) A distinguished teacher leader license may be renewed if the appli-
13 cant meets the requirements established by the commission by rule.

14 “(4) The commission shall develop [*a process*] **by rule the standards** by
15 which a teacher holding a distinguished teacher leader license is automat-
16 ically issued a professional teaching license upon nonrenewal of a distin-
17 guished teacher leader license if the teacher meets the requirements for a
18 professional teaching license.

19 “**SECTION 32.** ORS 342.138 is amended to read:

20 “342.138. (1) A professional teaching license, a professional personnel
21 service license or a professional administrative license qualifies the holder
22 to accept any assignments for preprimary through grade 12 for which the
23 holder has completed the advanced requirements established by the rules of
24 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

25 “(2) A professional teaching license, a professional personnel service li-
26 cense or a professional administrative license shall be issued on application
27 to an otherwise qualified person who has:

28 “(a) Completed an advanced professional education program approved by
29 the [*commission*] **Department of Education**;

30 “(b) Been employed in an educational setting for a minimum period of

1 time established by the commission by rule; and

2 “(c) Demonstrated minimum competencies, knowledge and skills required
3 for the professional teaching license, professional personnel service license
4 or professional administrative license through an approved educator prepa-
5 ration provider, school district, professional organization described in ORS
6 342.121, or professional assessment approved by the [*commission*] **depart-**
7 **ment.**

8 “(3) The holder of a professional teaching license, professional personnel
9 service license or professional administrative license may renew the license
10 in accordance with the rules of the commission.

11 **“SECTION 33.** ORS 342.143 is amended to read:

12 “342.143. (1) A teaching, personnel service or administrative license, or
13 public charter school registration, may not be issued to any person until the
14 person has attained the age of 18 years and has furnished satisfactory evi-
15 dence of proper educational training.

16 “(2) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission **by rule** may re-
17 quire an applicant for a teaching, personnel service or administrative license
18 or for registration as a public charter school teacher or administrator to
19 furnish evidence satisfactory to the [*commission*] **Department of Education**
20 of good moral character, mental and physical health, and such other evidence
21 as the commission may deem necessary to establish the applicant’s fitness
22 to serve as a teacher or administrator.

23 “(3) Without limiting the powers of the [*Teacher Standards and*
24 *Practices*] commission **or department** under subsection (2) of this section:

25 “(a) A teaching, personnel service or administrative license, or a public
26 charter school registration, may not be issued to any person who:

27 “(A) Has been convicted of a crime listed in ORS 163.095, 163.107, 163.115,
28 163.185, 163.235, 163.355, 163.365, 163.375, 163.385, 163.395, 163.405, 163.408,
29 163.411, 163.415, 163.425, 163.427, 163.432, 163.433, 163.435, 163.445, 163.465,
30 163.515, 163.525, 163.547, 163.575, 163.670, 163.675 (1985 Replacement Part),

1 163.680 (1993 Edition), 163.684, 163.686, 163.687, 163.688, 163.689, 164.325,
2 164.415, 166.005, 166.087, 167.007, 167.008, 167.012, 167.017, 167.057, 167.062,
3 167.075, 167.080, 167.090, 475.808, 475.810, 475.812, 475.818, 475.820, 475.822,
4 475.828, 475.830, 475.832, 475.848, 475.852, 475.868, 475.872, 475.878, 475.880,
5 475.882, 475.888, 475.890, 475.892, 475.904 or 475.906.

6 “(B) Has been convicted under ORS 161.405 of an attempt to commit any
7 of the crimes listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

8 “(C) Has been convicted in another jurisdiction of a crime that is sub-
9 stantially equivalent, as defined by rule, to any of the crimes listed in sub-
10 paragraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

11 “(D) Has had a teaching, personnel service or administrative license, or
12 a public charter school registration, revoked in another jurisdiction for a
13 reason that is substantially equivalent, as defined by rule, to a reason de-
14 scribed in ORS 342.175 and the revocation is not subject to further appeal.
15 A person whose right to apply for a license or registration is denied under
16 this subparagraph may apply for reinstatement of the right as provided in
17 ORS 342.175 (4).

18 “(b) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **department, as**
19 **prescribed by the commission by rule**, may refuse to issue a license or
20 registration to any person who has been convicted of:

21 “(A) A crime involving the illegal use, sale or possession of controlled
22 substances; or

23 “(B) A crime described in ORS 475C.005 to 475C.525.

24 “(4) In denying the issuance of a license or registration under this sec-
25 tion, the [*commission*] **department** shall follow the procedure set forth in
26 ORS 342.176 and 342.177.

27 “**SECTION 34.** ORS 342.144 is amended to read:

28 “342.144. (1) As used in this section, ‘American Indian tribe’ means an
29 Indian tribe as that term is defined in ORS 97.740.

30 “(2) The Legislative Assembly declares that teaching American Indian

1 languages is essential to the proper education of American Indian children.

2 “(3) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish **by**
3 **rule the requirements for** an American Indian languages teaching license.

4 “(4) Each American Indian tribe may develop a written and oral test that
5 must be successfully completed by an applicant for an American Indian lan-
6 guages teaching license in order to determine whether the applicant is
7 qualified to teach the tribe’s native language. When developing the test, the
8 tribe shall determine:

9 “(a) Which dialects will be used on the test;

10 “(b) Whether the tribe will standardize the tribe’s writing system; and

11 “(c) How the teaching methods will be evaluated in the classroom.

12 “(5) The test shall be administered at an appropriate location that does
13 not create hardship for the tribal members administering the test.

14 “(6) The commission may not require an applicant to hold a specific aca-
15 demic degree, to complete a specific amount of education or to complete an
16 educator preparation program to receive an American Indian languages
17 teaching license.

18 “(7)(a) An American Indian languages teaching license qualifies the
19 holder to accept a teaching position in a school district, public charter
20 school, education service district, community college or public university
21 listed in ORS 352.002.

22 “(b) A holder of an American Indian languages teaching license who does
23 not also have a teaching license issued under ORS 342.125 may not teach in
24 a school district or education service district any subject other than the
25 American Indian language the holder of the license is approved to teach by
26 the tribe.

27 “(c) A holder of an American Indian languages teaching license who does
28 not also have a teaching license or registration issued under ORS 342.125
29 may not teach in a public charter school any subject other than the Ameri-
30 can Indian language the holder of the license is approved to teach by the

1 tribe.

2 “(8)(a) As used in this subsection, ‘technical assistance program’ means
3 a program provided to an American Indian languages teacher by a licensed
4 teacher with three or more years of teaching experience. A technical assist-
5 ance program may include direct classroom observation and consultation,
6 assistance in instructional planning and preparation, support in implemen-
7 tation and delivery of classroom instruction, and other assistance intended
8 to enhance the professional performance and development of the American
9 Indian languages teacher.

10 “(b) The holder of an American Indian languages teaching license who
11 does not also have an administrative license, teaching license or registration
12 issued under ORS 342.125 and who is employed by a school district, public
13 charter school or education service district shall participate in a technical
14 assistance program with a person holding a teaching license issued by the
15 [commission] **Department of Education** under ORS 342.125. The technical
16 assistance program shall meet the guidelines specified in ORS 329.815 (2) to
17 (4).

18 “(9) An American Indian languages teaching license shall be valid for a
19 term established by the commission **by rule** and may be renewed upon ap-
20 plication from the holder of the license.

21 **“SECTION 35.** ORS 342.147 is amended to read:

22 “342.147. (1)(a) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall
23 establish by rule standards for approval of educator preparation providers
24 and educator preparation programs.

25 “(b) Standards for approval of an educator preparation program must in-
26 clude requiring an educator preparation program to evaluate candidates us-
27 ing a framework approved by the commission that:

28 “(A) Uses multiple measures to determine if a candidate’s knowledge,
29 skills and competencies qualify the candidate for a teaching license; and

30 “(B) Includes at least one measure that is locally determined and adopted

1 by the educator preparation provider, and that is then approved by the
2 commission.

3 “(c) Standards for approval of an educator preparation program for early
4 childhood education, elementary education, special education or reading
5 must require that:

6 “(A) The program provide instruction on dyslexia and other reading dif-
7 ficulties; and

8 “(B) The instruction on dyslexia be consistent with the knowledge and
9 practice standards of an international organization on dyslexia.

10 “(2) The commission shall adopt rules that:

11 “(a) Require approved educator preparation programs for early childhood
12 education, elementary education, special education or reading to demonstrate
13 that candidates enrolled in the programs receive training to provide in-
14 struction that enables students to meet or exceed third-grade reading stan-
15 dards and become proficient readers by the end of the third grade, as
16 designated by the State Board of Education. For the purposes of this para-
17 graph, an approved educator preparation program may make the demon-
18 stration through course curriculum, approved textbooks or other program
19 requirements.

20 “(b) Allow approved educator preparation programs leading to graduate
21 degrees to commence prior to the candidate’s completion of baccalaureate
22 degree requirements and to combine undergraduate and graduate level course
23 work in achieving program completion.

24 “(3) Whenever any educator preparation provider or educator preparation
25 program is denied approved status or has such status withdrawn, the denial
26 or withdrawal must be treated as a contested case under ORS chapter 183.

27 “(4) Nothing in this section is intended to grant to the Teacher Standards
28 and Practices Commission **or the Department of Education** any authority
29 relating to granting degrees or establishing degree requirements that are
30 within the authority of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or

1 any of the public universities listed in ORS 352.002, or that are within the
2 authority of the governing board of any private institution of higher educa-
3 tion.

4 **“SECTION 36.** ORS 342.147, as amended by section 8, chapter 756, Oregon
5 Laws 2015, section 2, chapter 317, Oregon Laws 2017, section 9, chapter 518,
6 Oregon Laws 2021, and section 2, chapter 637, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended
7 to read:

8 “342.147. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall es-
9 tablish by rule standards for approval of educator preparation providers and
10 educator preparation programs.

11 “(2) Standards for approval of an educator preparation provider may allow
12 approval of an institution of higher education, a school district in this state,
13 an education service district in this state or any other entity in this state
14 that sponsors or provides an educator preparation program.

15 “(3)(a) Standards for approval of an educator preparation program must
16 include:

17 “(A) Requiring an educator preparation program to be accredited by a
18 national organization that represents teachers, policymakers and teacher
19 educators and that provides accreditation based on nationally recognized
20 standards and on evidence-based measures;

21 “(B) Approving a public educator preparation program of more than four
22 years’ duration only if educator preparation programs that are reasonably
23 attainable in a four-year period, or the equivalent, are also available in the
24 system of higher education and are designed to culminate in a baccalaureate
25 degree that qualifies their graduates for entry-level teaching licenses; and

26 “(C) Requiring an educator preparation program to evaluate candidates
27 using a framework approved by the commission that:

28 “(i) Uses multiple measures to determine if a candidate’s knowledge, skills
29 and competencies qualify the candidate for a teaching license; and

30 “(ii) Includes at least one measure that is locally determined and adopted

1 by the educator preparation provider, and that is then approved by the
2 commission.

3 “(b) Standards for approval of an educator preparation program for early
4 childhood education, elementary education, special education or reading
5 must require that:

6 “(A) The program provide instruction on dyslexia and other reading dif-
7 ficulties; and

8 “(B) The instruction on dyslexia be consistent with the knowledge and
9 practice standards of an international organization on dyslexia.

10 “(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(a)(A) of this section, standards for
11 approval of an educator preparation program may allow an educator prepa-
12 ration program to operate provisionally without accreditation by a national
13 organization if the educator preparation program is:

14 “(A) Offered by an accredited educator preparation provider; or

15 “(B) A nontraditional pathway to licensure program offered by an educa-
16 tor preparation provider, regardless of whether the educator preparation
17 provider is accredited.

18 “(b) A nontraditional pathway to licensure program shall be considered
19 an approved educator preparation program if the nontraditional pathway to
20 licensure program complies with standards established by the commission.
21 The commission shall establish standards for nontraditional pathway to
22 licensure programs that:

23 “(A) Are substantially similar to the standards under subsection (3)(a) of
24 this section;

25 “(B) Require the [*commission*] **Department of Education** to consider the
26 current efforts of educator preparation programs to serve the same educator
27 workforce as the proposed nontraditional pathway to licensure program; and

28 “(C) Require the proposed nontraditional pathway to licensure program
29 to submit to the [*commission*] **department** a preoperational capacity review
30 from a national accrediting organization that is approved by the commission

1 **by rule.**

2 “(c)(A) Nothing in this subsection requires a nontraditional pathway to
3 licensure program to:

4 “(i) Culminate in the granting of a degree; or

5 “(ii) Prohibit a candidate from being employed as an educator while par-
6 ticipating in the program.

7 “(B) Nothing in this subsection prevents an accredited educator prepara-
8 tion provider from offering a nontraditional pathway to licensure.

9 “(d) An approved educator preparation program that operates provi-
10 sionally as provided by this subsection may not operate provisionally for
11 more than four years from the date that the educator preparation program
12 first received approval to operate provisionally.

13 “(5) The commission shall adopt rules that:

14 “(a) Require approved educator preparation programs for early childhood
15 education, elementary education, special education or reading to demonstrate
16 that candidates enrolled in the programs receive training to provide in-
17 struction that enables students to meet or exceed third-grade reading stan-
18 dards and become proficient readers by the end of the third grade, as
19 designated by the State Board of Education. For the purposes of this para-
20 graph, an approved educator preparation program may make the demon-
21 stration through course curriculum, approved textbooks or other program
22 requirements.

23 “(b) Allow approved educator preparation programs leading to graduate
24 degrees to commence prior to the candidate’s completion of baccalaureate
25 degree requirements and to combine undergraduate and graduate level course
26 work in achieving program completion.

27 “(6) Whenever any educator preparation provider or educator preparation
28 program is denied approved status or has such status withdrawn, the denial
29 or withdrawal must be treated as a contested case under ORS chapter 183.

30 “(7) Nothing in this section is intended to grant to the Teacher Standards

1 and Practices Commission **or the Department of Education** any authority
2 relating to granting degrees or establishing degree requirements that are
3 within the authority of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or
4 any of the public universities listed in ORS 352.002, or that are within the
5 authority of the governing board of any private institution of higher educa-
6 tion.

7 **“SECTION 37.** Section 9a, chapter 518, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to
8 read:

9 **“Sec. 9a.** (1) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in section 2,
10 chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 9, chapter 756, Oregon
11 Laws 2015, and section 25, chapter 72, Oregon Laws 2018, the Teacher Stan-
12 dards and Practices Commission **and the Department of Education** may
13 take any action before the operative date identified by this subsection that
14 is necessary for the commission **and department** to exercise, on and after
15 the operative date identified by this subsection, all of the duties, functions
16 and powers conferred on the commission **and department** by the amend-
17 ments to ORS 342.147 by section 9 [*of this 2021 Act*], **chapter 518, Oregon**
18 **Laws 2021, and section 36 of this 2025 Act.**

19 “(2) For the purpose of ensuring that the [*Teacher Standards and Prac-*
20 *tices Commission*] **commission and department** may exercise, on and after
21 the operative date identified by subsection (1) of this section, all of the du-
22 ties, functions and powers conferred on the commission **and department** by
23 the amendments to ORS 342.147 by section 9 [*of this 2021 Act*], **chapter 518,**
24 **Oregon Laws 2021, and section 36 of this 2025 Act,** the commission **and**
25 **department** shall develop and implement a plan for the implementation of
26 the amendments to ORS 342.147 by section 9 [*of this 2021 Act*], **chapter 518,**
27 **Oregon Laws 2021, and section 36 of this 2025 Act.** The plan must:

28 “(a) Be developed in collaboration with the Educator Advancement
29 Council [*and the Department of Education*]; and

30 “(b) Prioritize increasing:

1 “(A) Participation by teacher candidates in nontraditional pathway to
2 licensure programs;

3 “(B) Educator diversity; and

4 “(C) Educator retention.

5 “[*(3) No later than January 1, 2023, the Teacher Standards and Practices*
6 *Commission, in collaboration with the Educator Advancement Council and the*
7 *Department of Education, shall report to the appropriate interim committees*
8 *of the Legislative Assembly. The report shall address the progress on the plan*
9 *required to be developed and implemented as provided by subsection (2) of this*
10 *section.*]

11 “**SECTION 38.** Section 4, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by
12 section 10, chapter 756, Oregon Laws 2015, and section 10, chapter 518,
13 Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

14 “**Sec. 4.** (1) The Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account is
15 established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General
16 Fund. Interest earned by the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Ac-
17 count shall be accredited to the account.

18 “(2) Moneys in the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account are
19 continuously appropriated to the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commis-*
20 *sion*] **Department of Education** to award grants to educator preparation
21 programs for the purpose of having the programs accredited by the organ-
22 ization described in ORS 342.147 (3)(a)(A), as amended by section 8, chapter
23 756, Oregon Laws 2015, section 2, chapter 317, Oregon Laws 2017, [*and*] sec-
24 tion 9 [*of this 2021 Act*], **chapter 518, Oregon Laws 2021, and section 36**
25 **of this 2025 Act.**

26 “**SECTION 39.** ORS 342.153 is amended to read:

27 “342.153. (1) Any applicant for a teaching license to provide education to
28 students who are blind, as defined in ORS 343.565, shall be required to dem-
29 onstrate proficiency in reading and writing Braille, as defined in ORS
30 343.565.

1 “(2) Any applicant for a teaching license to provide education to students
2 who are blind shall be required to demonstrate proficiency by completion of
3 grade I and grade II Braille coursework at a college level.

4 “(3) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission **by rule** shall adopt
5 procedures to assess the proficiencies developed through workshops and
6 courses in grade I and grade II Braille that are consistent with standards set
7 by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
8 at the Library of Congress.

9 **“SECTION 40.** ORS 342.165 is amended to read:

10 “342.165. (1) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the Teacher Standards and
11 Practices Commission shall adopt rules necessary for the issuance, denial,
12 continuation, renewal, lapse, revocation, suspension or reinstatement of li-
13 censes or registrations issued **by the Department of Education** under ORS
14 342.120 to 342.430. The commission shall also adopt rules establishing means
15 in addition to those prescribed by law whereby teachers are able to add ad-
16 ditional endorsements to their teaching licenses.

17 “(2) In establishing rules the commission shall consider:

18 “(a) Its responsibilities to represent the public interest in the development
19 of educational policies;

20 “(b) The capabilities of Oregon educator preparation providers to prepare
21 educators;

22 “(c) The norms required for the educator assignments;

23 “(d) The improvement of teaching and student learning;

24 “(e) The adequacy of the supply of licensed educators;

25 “(f) The value of experience or nonacademic learning;

26 “(g) The responsibilities imposed upon school districts by geographic and
27 demographic conditions; and

28 “(h) Other matters that tend to improve education.

29 **“SECTION 41.** ORS 342.173 is amended to read:

30 “342.173. Any school district or education service district that employs

1 any person not properly licensed or registered by the [*Teacher Standards and*
2 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**, or licensed by the [*com-*
3 *mission*] **department** but not assigned in accordance with rules of the
4 **Teacher Standards and Practices** Commission, shall be subject to sanc-
5 tions imposed by the commission. A sanction must be imposed according to
6 rules adopted by the commission and is effective unless:

7 “(1) The assignment is made with justification satisfactory to the com-
8 mission.

9 “(2) The person is employed as a teacher by a post-secondary institution
10 that is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universi-
11 ties, or its successor, and that has a contract with a school district under
12 which the person is teaching at the high school level. The contract [*shall*]
13 **must** be approved by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*]
14 **department**, including criteria for a person’s qualifications under paragraph
15 (b) of this subsection. The contract shall:

16 “(a) Be for a specific instructional assignment for which the district does
17 not have appropriately licensed personnel either on staff or available to be
18 placed on staff after a reasonably diligent search;

19 “(b) Provide evidence that the person’s qualifications are appropriate for
20 the assignment;

21 “(c) Allow the person to teach no more than two high school units of
22 credit or the equivalent per year; and

23 “(d) Not be valid during a school closure, strike or summer session.

24 “(3) The person is teaching an online course originating outside this state.

25 “(4) The person is employed as provided by ORS 342.125 (2).

26 **“SECTION 42.** ORS 342.175 is amended to read:

27 “342.175. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may sus-
28 pend or revoke the license or registration of a [*commission*] **department**
29 licensee, discipline a [*commission*] **department** licensee, or suspend or re-
30 voke the right of any person to apply for a license or registration based on

1 the following:

2 “(a) Conviction of a crime not listed in ORS 342.143 (3);

3 “(b) Gross neglect of duty;

4 “(c) Any gross unfitness;

5 “(d) Conviction of a crime for violating any law of this state or any state
6 or of the United States involving the illegal use, sale or possession of con-
7 trolled substances;

8 “(e) Conviction of a crime described in ORS 475C.005 to 475C.525;

9 “(f) Any false statement knowingly made in an application for issuance,
10 renewal or reinstatement of a license or registration; or

11 “(g) Failure to comply with any condition of reinstatement under sub-
12 section (4) of this section or any condition of probation under ORS 342.177
13 (3)(b).

14 “(2) If a person is enrolled in an approved educator preparation program
15 under ORS 342.147, the commission may issue a public reprimand or may
16 suspend or revoke the right to apply for a license or registration based on
17 the following:

18 “(a) Conviction of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 (3) or a crime described
19 by the commission by rule;

20 “(b) Conviction of a crime for violating any law of this state or any state
21 or of the United States involving the illegal use, sale or possession of con-
22 trolled substances; or

23 “(c) Any conduct that may cause the commission to issue a public
24 reprimand for a [*commission*] **department** licensee or to suspend or revoke
25 the license or registration of a [*commission*] **department** licensee.

26 “(3) The commission shall revoke any license or registration and shall
27 revoke the right of any person to apply for a license or registration if the
28 person has been convicted of any crime listed in ORS 342.143 (3).

29 “(4)(a) Except for convictions for crimes listed in ORS 342.143 (3) and
30 subject to subsection (5) of this section, any person whose license or regis-

1 tration has been revoked, or whose right to apply for a license or registra-
2 tion has been revoked, may apply to the [*commission*] **Department of**
3 **Education** for reinstatement of the license or registration after one year
4 from the date of the revocation.

5 “(b) Any person whose license or registration has been suspended, or
6 whose right to apply for a license or registration has been suspended, may
7 apply to the [*commission*] **department** for reinstatement of the license or
8 registration.

9 “(c) The commission **by rule** may require an applicant for reinstatement
10 to furnish evidence satisfactory to the [*commission*] **department** of good
11 moral character, mental and physical health and such other evidence as the
12 commission may consider necessary to establish the applicant’s fitness. The
13 commission may impose a probationary period and such conditions as the
14 commission considers necessary upon approving an application for rein-
15 statement.

16 “(5) The commission shall reconsider immediately a license or registration
17 suspension or revocation or the situation of a person whose right to apply
18 for a license or registration has been revoked, upon application therefor,
19 when the license or registration suspension or revocation or the right revo-
20 cation is based on a criminal conviction that is reversed on appeal.

21 “(6) Violation of rules adopted by the commission relating to competent
22 and ethical performance of professional duties shall be admissible as evi-
23 dence of gross neglect of duty or gross unfitness.

24 “(7) A copy of the record of conviction, certified to by the clerk of the
25 court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of a conviction
26 described in this section.

27 “**SECTION 43.** ORS 342.176 is amended to read:

28 “342.176. (1)(a) A person may file a complaint with the [*Teacher Standards*
29 *and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education** regarding a [*commis-*
30 *sion*] **department** licensee. If a complaint concerns an allegation of sexual

1 conduct that may have been committed by a [*commission*] **department**
2 licensee, the complaint process provided by this section does not apply and
3 the [*commission*] **department** shall investigate the complaint as provided by
4 ORS 339.390.

5 “(b) Prior to beginning an investigation based on a complaint filed under
6 paragraph (a) of this subsection, the [*commission*] **department** may require
7 verification that attempts were made to resolve the complaint through the
8 complaint process of the school district that employs the person against
9 whom the complaint was filed. If the [*commission*] **department** does not re-
10 ceive verification within 12 months of providing notice that verification is
11 required, the [*commission*] **department** no longer has a duty to investigate
12 the complaint.

13 “(c) After receiving sufficient verification as provided by paragraph (b)
14 of this subsection, the [*commission*] **department** shall promptly undertake
15 an investigation upon receipt of a complaint or information that constitutes
16 grounds for:

17 “(A) Refusal to issue a license or registration, as provided under ORS
18 342.143;

19 “(B) Suspension or revocation of a license or registration, discipline of a
20 [*commission*] **department** licensee, or suspension or revocation of the right
21 to apply for a license or registration, as provided under ORS 342.175; or

22 “(C) Discipline for failure to provide appropriate notice prior to resigna-
23 tion, as provided under ORS 342.553.

24 “(2) The [*commission*] **department** may appoint an investigator and shall
25 furnish the investigator with appropriate professional and other special as-
26 sistance reasonably required to conduct the investigation, and the investi-
27 gator is empowered to issue subpoenas to require the attendance of witnesses
28 or the production of documents [*over the signature of the executive director*
29 *of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*], subpoena witnesses
30 [*over the signature of the executive director*], swear witnesses and compel

1 obedience in the same manner as provided under ORS 183.440 (2).

2 “(3) Following completion of an investigation, the [*executive director or*
3 *the executive director’s designee*] **department** shall:

4 “(a) Forward to the **Teacher Standards and Practices** Commission a
5 report related to any investigation that concluded that a violation occurred
6 under ORS 342.143, 342.175 or 342.553; or

7 “(b) Determine whether to forward to the commission a report related to
8 any investigation not described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

9 “(4) If a report is to be forwarded to the commission as described in sub-
10 section (3) of this section, the [*executive director or the executive director’s*
11 *designee*] **department** shall report in writing the findings and recommen-
12 dations to impose disciplinary sanctions to:

13 “(a) The commission, meeting in executive session, at its next regular
14 meeting following completion of the investigation; and

15 “(b) The person against whom the charge is made, following consideration
16 by the commission.

17 “(5)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the docu-
18 ments and materials used in the investigation undertaken as provided by this
19 section and the report related to the investigation are confidential and not
20 subject to public inspection unless the commission makes a final determi-
21 nation to:

22 “(A) Refuse to issue a license or registration, as provided under ORS
23 342.143;

24 “(B) Suspend or revoke a license or registration, discipline a
25 [*commission*] **department** licensee, or suspend or revoke the right to apply
26 for a license or registration, as provided under ORS 342.175; or

27 “(C) Discipline a person for failure to provide appropriate notice prior to
28 resignation, as provided under ORS 342.553.

29 “(b) Records made available to the **department or** commission under ORS
30 419B.035 (1)(h) shall be kept confidential.

1 “(6) If the commission finds from the report that there is sufficient cause
2 to justify holding a hearing under ORS 342.177, the [*commission*] **depart-**
3 **ment** shall notify in writing:

4 “(a) The person charged, enclosing a statement of the charges and a no-
5 tice of opportunity for hearing;

6 “(b) The complainant; and

7 “(c) The employing district or public charter school, if any.

8 “(7) If there is not sufficient cause to justify holding a hearing under ORS
9 342.177, the [*commission*] **department** shall notify in writing:

10 “(a) The person charged;

11 “(b) The complainant; and

12 “(c) The employing district or public charter school, if any.

13 “(8) Notwithstanding ORS 192.660 (6), the commission may make its
14 findings under this section in executive session. However, the provisions of
15 ORS 192.660 (4) apply to the sessions.

16 “**SECTION 44.** ORS 342.177 is amended to read:

17 “342.177. (1)(a) Hearings under ORS 339.390 and 342.176 shall be conducted
18 by an administrative law judge assigned from the Office of Administrative
19 Hearings established under ORS 183.605.

20 “(b) Any hearing conducted under this section shall be private unless the
21 person against whom the charge is made requests a public hearing. Students
22 attending school in the employing district may not attend any hearing except
23 as witnesses duly subpoenaed to testify with respect to the charges made.
24 Students attending a public charter school that employs the person may not
25 attend any hearing except as witnesses duly subpoenaed to testify with re-
26 spect to the charges made. The person charged shall have the right to be
27 represented by counsel and to present evidence and argument. The evidence
28 must be confined to the charges.

29 “(2) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission or the person
30 charged may have subpoenas issued to compel attendance at the hearing. The

1 person charged may have subpoenas issued by an attorney of record sub-
2 scribed by the signature of the attorney or by the [*executive director of the*
3 *Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**.
4 Witnesses appearing pursuant to subpoena, other than the parties or officers
5 or employees of the commission, shall receive fees and mileage as prescribed
6 by law for witnesses in ORS 44.415 (2). The commission or the person charged
7 shall have the right to compel the attendance and obedience of witnesses in
8 the same manner as provided under ORS 183.440 (2).

9 “(3) The commission shall render its decision at its next regular meeting
10 following the hearing. If the decision of the commission is that the charge
11 described in ORS 342.175 (1) has been proven, the commission may take any
12 or all of the following disciplinary action against the person charged:

13 “(a) Issue a public reprimand.

14 “(b) Place the person on probation for a period not to exceed four years
15 and subject to such conditions as the commission considers necessary.

16 “(c) Suspend the license or registration of the teacher or administrator
17 for a period not to exceed one year.

18 “(d) Revoke the license or registration of the teacher or administrator.

19 “(e) Revoke the right to apply for a license or registration.

20 “(4) If the decision of the commission is that the charge is not proven, the
21 commission shall order the charges dismissed.

22 “(5) The [*commission*] **department** shall notify in writing the person
23 charged and the employing district or public charter school of the decision.

24 “**SECTION 45.** ORS 342.183 is amended to read:

25 “342.183. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may issue
26 a letter of informal reproof to a person licensed, registered or certified by
27 the [*commission*] **Department of Education** if:

28 “(a) Following the completion of an investigation **by the department**,
29 the commission determines that the person has engaged in conduct that af-
30 fects the person’s ability to be professionally effective, based on standards

1 adopted by the commission by rule; and

2 “(b) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the commission agrees not
3 to pursue disciplinary action against the person under ORS 342.175 and the
4 person agrees to the terms of the letter of informal reproof, including a
5 monitoring period.

6 “(2) A letter of informal reproof issued as provided by subsection (1) of
7 this section shall establish the terms of a monitoring period for the person
8 to whom the letter is issued.

9 “(3) Upon the issuance of a letter of informal reproof, the commission
10 shall notify the employer of the person to whom the letter is issued, includ-
11 ing any terms of the letter that the employer may need to know to assist the
12 person in complying with the terms of the letter.

13 “(4) A letter of informal reproof issued as provided by subsection (1) of
14 this section:

15 “(a) Is confidential; and

16 “(b) Except when a disciplinary action is taken as provided in subsection
17 (5) of this section, may not be posted on an interstate clearinghouse related
18 to educator license sanctions.

19 “(5) If a person fails to comply with the terms of a letter of informal re-
20 proof, the commission may take disciplinary action against the person based
21 on one or both of the following:

22 “(a) The conduct underlying the letter of informal reproof; or

23 “(b) The failure to comply with the terms of the letter of informal re-
24 proof.

25 “(6) If the [*executive director of the Teacher Standards and Practices*
26 *Commission*] **department** determines that a person failed to meet the terms
27 of a letter of informal reproof, the [*executive director*] **department** shall
28 report the failure to the commission for the commission to make a final de-
29 termination pursuant to ORS 339.390 or 342.176.

30 “(7) The documents and materials used in an investigation for the pur-

1 poses of this section are confidential and are not subject to public inspection
2 unless the commission makes a final determination to discipline the person
3 pursuant to ORS 342.175.

4 **“SECTION 46.** ORS 342.192 is amended to read:

5 “342.192. (1) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Depart-**
6 **ment of Education** may issue a license to an out-of-state applicant if the
7 applicant has met the professional requirements established by rule by the
8 **Teacher Standards and Practices** Commission and has completed a course
9 of study that is acceptable to the [*commission*] **department based on com-**
10 **mission rule.**

11 “(2) Applicants granted licenses under this section shall be required to
12 meet all standards required of Oregon teachers, including the requirements
13 of ORS 342.123, not later than two years following the date of initial grant-
14 ing of the license.

15 **“SECTION 47.** ORS 342.195 is amended to read:

16 “342.195. (1) An otherwise qualified applicant for a preliminary teaching
17 license shall be granted the license upon payment of the required fees and
18 the showing by proof satisfactory to the [*Teacher Standards and Practices*
19 *Commission*] **Department of Education** that:

20 “(a) While the applicant was in the Peace Corps program or was a vol-
21 unteer under section 603 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (Public
22 Law 88-452), the applicant:

23 “(A) Completed two years of satisfactory service that emphasized teaching
24 in any preprimary program or in any grade 1 through 12 in subjects regularly
25 taught in public schools; and

26 “(B)(i) Has completed an approved educator preparation program; or

27 “(ii) Has earned at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited insti-
28 tution of higher education and has completed a teacher training program
29 provided under the auspices of the federal program; or

30 “(b) The applicant was a certified instructor for the Armed Forces of the

1 United States, if the applicant provides the [*commission*] **department** with
2 documentation of military training or experience that the [*commission*] **de-**
3 **partment** determines is substantially equivalent to the training required for
4 a preliminary teaching license.

5 “(2)(a) The **Teacher Standards and Practices** Commission shall estab-
6 lish by rule an expedited process by which a military spouse or domestic
7 partner who is licensed to teach in another state may apply for and obtain
8 a teaching license.

9 “(b) As used in this subsection, ‘military spouse or domestic partner’
10 means a spouse or domestic partner of an active member of the Armed Forces
11 of the United States who is the subject of a military transfer to Oregon.

12 “**SECTION 48.** ORS 342.200 is amended to read:

13 “342.200. (1) In order to allow the school districts of the state to take full
14 advantage of various professional skills and disciplines not directly devel-
15 oped through teaching experience or professional education for which
16 teaching experience is a prerequisite, it is the public policy of the State of
17 Oregon that the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department**
18 **of Education**, when considering an applicant for an administrative license,
19 shall consider professional skills, education and experience not directly re-
20 lated to, nor contingent upon, teaching experience or training as a classroom
21 teacher.

22 “(2) **The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall con-**
23 **sider the state policy described in subsection (1) of this section when**
24 **adopting rules for administrative licenses.**

25 “**SECTION 49.** ORS 342.202 is amended to read:

26 “342.202. (1) The Department of Education, in partnership with the
27 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, shall create a comprehensive
28 leadership development system for administrators licensed under ORS
29 342.125.

30 “(2) The comprehensive leadership development system must include:

1 “(a) A cost-effective plan that requires the coordination of public and
2 private organizations and resources to:

3 “(A) Improve the success of this state’s highest needs students;

4 “(B) Provide research and technical assistance to schools seeking to adopt
5 or enhance evidence-based leadership practices;

6 “(C) Recruit underrepresented persons into the field of public school
7 leadership; and

8 “(D) Strengthen the capacity of administrators to improve education in
9 public schools in this state;

10 “(b) A plan for collaboration and continuous improvement among admin-
11 istrator preparation programs approved by the [*Teacher Standards and*
12 *Practices Commission*] **department** to support performance-based assess-
13 ments for administrators and candidates for administrative licensure;

14 “(c) A plan for recruitment of underrepresented persons into administra-
15 tor leadership programs;

16 “(d) The improvement of access to high quality preparation and profes-
17 sional development for administrators working in rural school districts;

18 “(e) A method for disseminating evidence-based practices to support the
19 development of effective principals and teachers; and

20 “(f) A method for providing research and technical assistance to school
21 districts to encourage the placement of the most highly effective teachers in
22 the highest need schools.

23 **“SECTION 50.** ORS 342.203 is amended to read:

24 “342.203. (1) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Depart-**
25 **ment of Education** shall regularly publish information online that can be
26 accessed by school districts, public charter schools and education service
27 districts and that includes the following:

28 “(a) All teachers and administrators whose teaching or administrative li-
29 censes have been suspended or revoked or who have been reprimanded or
30 placed on probation during the preceding 12 months.

1 “(b) All candidates enrolled in approved educator preparation programs
2 under ORS 342.147 whose right to apply for a license or registration has been
3 suspended or revoked during the preceding 12 months.

4 “(2) If the decision of the **Teacher Standards and Practices** Commission
5 is appealed under ORS 342.180, the name of the teacher, administrator or
6 candidate shall not be published online under subsection (1) of this section
7 unless and until such decision has been sustained by the Court of Appeals
8 or until the appeal has been dropped.

9 **“SECTION 51.** ORS 342.223 is amended to read:

10 “342.223. (1) For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal
11 records check under ORS 181A.195, the [*Teacher Standards and Practices*
12 *Commission*] **Department of Education** may require the fingerprints of:

13 “(a) A person who is applying for a license or registration under ORS
14 342.120 to 342.430 as a teacher, administrator or personnel specialist if the
15 person has not submitted to a criminal records check by the [*commission*]
16 **department** within the previous three years or has remained continuously
17 licensed by or registered with the [*commission*] **department** for a different
18 license or registration for which the person already has submitted to a
19 criminal records check by the [*commission*] **department**.

20 “(b) A person who is applying for reinstatement of a license or registra-
21 tion as a teacher, administrator or personnel specialist, or a certificate as
22 a school nurse, whose license, registration or certificate has lapsed for at
23 least three years.

24 “(c) A person who is applying for a certificate under ORS 342.475 as a
25 school nurse.

26 “(d) A person who is registering with the [*commission*] **department** for
27 supervised clinical practice experience, practicum or internship as a teacher,
28 administrator or personnel specialist, if the person does not hold a current
29 license issued by the [*commission*] **department** and has not submitted to a
30 criminal records check by the [*commission*] **department** within the previous

1 three years for student teaching, practicum or internship as a teacher, ad-
2 ministrator or personnel specialist.

3 “(e) A person who is applying for a registration as a public charter school
4 teacher or administrator under ORS 342.125.

5 “(2) The making of any false statement as to the conviction of a crime is
6 grounds for refusal to issue, renew or reinstate a license, certificate or reg-
7 istration and is in addition to the grounds stated in ORS 342.143.

8 “(3) A person may appeal the refusal to issue a license, registration or
9 certificate under this section as a contested case under ORS 183.413 to
10 183.470, but the refusal to renew or reinstate a license or registration is
11 subject to ORS 342.175 to 342.180, and the [*commission*] **department** shall
12 notify the person of the right to appeal.

13 **“SECTION 52.** ORS 342.390 is amended to read:

14 “342.390. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall meet
15 at least once every six months at a place, day and hour determined by the
16 commission. The commission shall also meet at such other times and places
17 as are specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the mem-
18 bers of the commission or as required by the [*executive director of the Teacher*
19 *Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education** for the
20 purposes of ORS 339.390.

21 “(2) A member of the commission who is employed at a public school or
22 by a private educator preparation provider or by a public university listed
23 in ORS 352.002:

24 “(a) May not receive compensation for services as a member.

25 “(b) Shall receive actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred
26 in the performance of official duties as provided by ORS 292.495 (2) and
27 subject to any other applicable law regulating travel and other expenses for
28 state officers.

29 “(3) A member of the commission who serves on the commission in the
30 capacity of a district school board member or as a member of the general

1 public shall be entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS
2 292.495 (1) and (2).

3 **“SECTION 53.** ORS 342.420 is amended to read:

4 “342.420. (1) Membership on the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-
5 mission shall not affect a member’s compensation from the employer of the
6 member or any other benefits to which the member is entitled.

7 “(2) A school district required to employ a substitute for a teacher or
8 administrator who is absent from employment while performing duties as a
9 member of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall be entitled
10 to reimbursement for the district’s actual expenses in employing the substi-
11 tute. [*Reimbursement for the expense of employing such substitutes shall be*
12 *made by the commission from the Teacher Standards and Practices Commis-*
13 *sion Account.*] **Reimbursement for the expenses of employing such sub-**
14 **stitutes shall be made by the department on behalf of the commission**
15 **from the Teacher Licensure Account established in ORS 342.430.**

16 **“SECTION 54.** ORS 342.425 is amended to read:

17 “342.425. (1) The [*executive director of the Teacher Standards and Practices*
18 *Commission*] **Department of Education, in collaboration with the**
19 **Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and the Educator Ad-**
20 **vancement Council,** shall prepare an annual report related to the [*duties,*
21 *powers and functions of the commission*] **educator workforce of this state.**

22 “(2) The report required by this section must include:

23 “(a) The number of teaching licenses and administrative licenses that
24 have been issued during the previous year.

25 “(b) Trends related to the number of licenses issued and types of licenses
26 issued during the previous year as compared to earlier years.

27 “(c) Trends related to sanctions imposed on licensees during the previous
28 year as compared to earlier years.

29 “(d) A summary of activities occurring during the previous year related
30 to educator preparation programs, including changes made to requirements

1 for approved educator preparation providers, and the status of each educator
2 preparation program in this state.

3 “(e) A summary of significant changes to rules during the previous year
4 and other efforts by the [*commission*] **department, commission and coun-**
5 **cil** during the previous year to implement statutes.

6 “(f) A summary of placement of students in educator preparation pro-
7 grams, completion rates for students in educator preparation programs and
8 recommendations for improving teacher preparation programs.

9 “(3) The report required by this section must be submitted to the appro-
10 priate committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later
11 than July 1 of every year.

12 “**SECTION 55.** ORS 342.430 is amended to read:

13 “342.430. (1) **The Teacher Licensure Account is established in the**
14 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest**
15 **earned by the account shall be credited to the account.**

16 “(2) On or before the 10th day of each month, the [*Teacher Standards and*
17 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education** shall pay into the [*State*
18 *Treasury*] **Teacher Licensure Account** all moneys received under this
19 chapter. [*The State Treasurer shall credit the moneys to the Teacher Stan-*
20 *dards and Practices Commission Account.*] The moneys in the [*Teacher*
21 *Standards and Practices Commission Account*] **Teacher Licensure Account**
22 are continuously appropriated to the [*commission*] **department** for the pur-
23 pose of paying [*its*] administrative expenses **incurred under this chapter.**

24 “**NOTE:** Section 56 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were
25 not renumbered.

26 “**SECTION 57.** ORS 342.455 is amended to read:

27 “342.455. ‘School nurse’ as used in ORS 342.465 and 342.475, means a reg-
28 istered nurse who is certified by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices Com-*
29 *mission*] **Department of Education** as qualified to conduct and coordinate
30 the health services programs of a school.

1 **“SECTION 58.** ORS 342.465 is amended to read:

2 “342.465. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall adopt
3 by rule standards necessary for the issuance, denial, continuation, renewal,
4 lapse or reinstatement of certificates issued under ORS 342.475 (1) to (3) and
5 for establishment and collection of fees for certification as a school nurse.
6 The commission may adopt by rule procedures for revocation of a certificate
7 issued under ORS 342.475 (1) to (3) that are consistent with ORS 342.175 to
8 342.180.

9 “(2) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall notify the [*commission*]
10 **Department of Education** whenever the board takes any action on a li-
11 cense issued under ORS chapter 678 which might affect the ability of the li-
12 cense holder to practice as a school nurse.

13 **“SECTION 59.** ORS 342.475 is amended to read:

14 “342.475. (1) ‘School nurse’ is established as a category of specialization
15 in nursing.

16 “(2) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of**
17 **Education** shall issue a certificate as a school nurse to a person who com-
18 plies with the rules established by the **Teacher Standards and Practices**
19 Commission for the certification and practice of school nursing and who has
20 been licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. In establishing rules
21 for the certification and practice of any specialization of school nursing, the
22 commission shall consider the recommendations of the Oregon State Board
23 of Nursing.

24 “(3) The [*commission*] **department** may issue an emergency certificate
25 that authorizes a person licensed as a registered nurse in this state who does
26 not meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this section to practice as a
27 school nurse. Such certificates shall be issued for a limited time as set by
28 the commission.

29 “(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the
30 [*commission*] **department** shall issue a certificate in a school nurse special-

1 ization category to a registered nurse who applies for certification and who
2 is employed by a school, school district or education service district to con-
3 duct and coordinate a school or district health services program or who
4 serves in such a capacity on a voluntary basis on November 1, 1981. A cer-
5 tificate issued under this subsection shall be issued without further proof of
6 qualification by the applicant.

7 “(5) A certificate issued under this section is not a teaching license. The
8 nurse holding a certificate issued under this section is not subject to ORS
9 238.280 or 342.805 to 342.937.

10 **“SECTION 60.** ORS 342.485 is amended to read:

11 “342.485. The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission **and the De-**
12 **partment of Education** shall consult with and advise the Oregon State
13 Board of Nursing on the qualifications and practices involved in school
14 nursing.

15 **“SECTION 61.** ORS 342.553 is amended to read:

16 “342.553. (1) Upon notice from a district school board of the resignation
17 of a person who is licensed by or registered with the [*Teacher Standards and*
18 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**, the **Teacher Standards**
19 **and Practices** Commission may discipline the person if the person entered
20 into a written contract to work in a public school and resigned the position
21 without first providing 60 days’ written notice, or the notice required in the
22 applicable collective bargaining agreement, to the district superintendent or
23 the school board.

24 “(2) In disciplining a person as provided under this section, the commis-
25 sion shall follow the procedure set forth in ORS 342.175 (4), 342.176 and
26 342.177.

27 **“SECTION 62.** ORS 342.621 is amended to read:

28 “342.621. (1) As used in this section:

29 “(a) ‘Classified school employee’ includes all employees of a school dis-
30 trict except those for whom a teaching or administrative license is required

1 as a basis for employment in a school district.

2 “(b) ‘Individualized education program’ has the meaning given that term
3 in ORS 343.035.

4 “(c) ‘Licensed educator’ means a teacher, administrator or other school
5 professional who is licensed, registered or certified by the [*Teacher Stan-*
6 *dards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education**.

7 “(d) ‘Salary’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 653.010.

8 “(e) ‘School district’ means:

9 “(A) A common school district or a union high school district.

10 “(B) An education service district.

11 “(2) For each licensed educator or classified school employee who pro-
12 vides significant special education support, as determined under subsection
13 (3) of this section, a school district may pay one or more of the following:

14 “(a) An additional percentage of the educator’s or employee’s salary or
15 hourly wage.

16 “(b) Notwithstanding ORS 652.220, a one-time payment in addition to the
17 educator’s or employee’s salary or hourly wage.

18 “(3) For purposes of this section, a licensed educator or a classified school
19 employee provides significant special education support if 75 percent or more
20 of the educator’s or employee’s student caseload consists of students who
21 have an individualized education program.

22 “(4) A salary or wage increase specified in subsection (2) of this section
23 is exclusive of health benefits and other benefits the school district provides
24 to licensed educators or classified school employees or that are otherwise
25 required under the laws of this state.

26 “**NOTE:** Sections 63 and 64 were deleted by amendment. Subsequent
27 sections were not renumbered.

28 “**SECTION 65.** ORS 342.971 is amended to read:

29 “342.971. (1) There is created the Educator Preparation Improvement
30 Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned on

1 moneys in the Educator Preparation Improvement Fund shall be credited to
2 the fund.

3 “(2) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of**
4 **Education** may accept from any source any grant, donation or gift of money
5 or other valuable thing made to the [*commission*] **department** for purposes
6 of the Educator Preparation Improvement Fund.

7 “(3) Moneys credited to the Educator Preparation Improvement Fund are
8 continuously appropriated to the [*commission*] **department** for the purposes
9 set forth in subsection (4) of this section. The [*commission*] **department** may
10 draw checks or orders upon the State Treasurer in making disbursements
11 from the Educator Preparation Improvement Fund for the purposes set forth
12 in subsection (4) of this section.

13 “(4) The purpose of the Educator Preparation Improvement Fund is to
14 encourage approved educator preparation programs and school district part-
15 nerships that:

16 “(a) Respond to changes in education of students in preprimary programs
17 and grades 1 through 12;

18 “(b) Encourage collaboration around delivery models that provide effec-
19 tive professional preparation;

20 “(c) Recognize the needs of the education workforce in this state, includ-
21 ing but not limited to recruiting underrepresented persons, teachers and ad-
22 ministrators to work in high needs areas such as special education,
23 mathematics, science and teaching English to speakers of other languages;

24 “(d) Encourage collaborative initiatives that improve student success and
25 postsecondary access and achievement; and

26 “(e) Respond to the need for national accreditation of approved educator
27 preparation programs in this state.

28 “**SECTION 66.** ORS 343.328 is amended to read:

29 “343.328. (1)(a) A parent or a foster parent may, at any time, revoke con-
30 sent for the placement of a student with a disability on an abbreviated school

1 day program.

2 “(b) Consent for the abbreviated school day program placement shall be
3 considered revoked if, at any time, the parent or the foster parent revokes
4 the consent, in writing, to an abbreviated school day program placement or
5 makes a written objection to the abbreviated school day program placement.

6 “(c) Upon receipt of a written revocation or objection to the abbreviated
7 school day program placement, the school district superintendent shall en-
8 sure that, within five school days or by a later date specified in a written
9 notice provided by the parent or foster parent, the student has meaningful
10 access to the same number of hours of instruction and educational services
11 that are provided to the majority of other students who are in the same
12 grade within the student’s resident school district.

13 “(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of this subsection, a parent or foster
14 parent of a student may allow the school district superintendent to have an
15 extension of an additional five school days to ensure that the student has
16 meaningful access to the same number of hours of instruction and educa-
17 tional services that are provided to the majority of other students who are
18 in the same grade within the student’s resident school district if:

19 “(A) The parent or foster parent provides written consent for the exten-
20 sion;

21 “(B) The parent or foster parent has not previously provided written
22 consent for an extension for the student during the school year;

23 “(C) The written consent states that the parent or foster parent under-
24 stands that the parent or foster parent is not required to give consent for
25 the extension and that the refusal to give consent for the extension will not
26 result in adverse actions being taken against the student; and

27 “(D) The school district provides to the parent or foster parent, in writing
28 and in a language and format accessible to the parent or foster parent, the
29 specific reasons why the extension is needed.

30 “(e) If a school district fails to provide meaningful access before the ex-

1 piration of an extension allowed under paragraph (d) of this subsection, any
2 calculations of compensatory education that must be provided by the school
3 district will be made as though an extension had not been allowed.

4 “(f) If a student is on an abbreviated school day program on the last day
5 of the school year and the student’s parent or foster parent makes a written
6 objection to the abbreviated school day program placement or revokes con-
7 sent for the abbreviated school day program placement at least 14 calendar
8 days prior to the beginning of the next school year, the student shall, be-
9 ginning on the first day of the new school year, be provided with meaningful
10 access to the same number of hours of instruction and educational services
11 that are provided to the majority of other students who are in the same
12 grade within the student’s resident school district.

13 “(2)(a) When the Department of Education receives a complaint or other-
14 wise has cause to believe a school district is not in compliance with ORS
15 343.322 (7) and 343.324 (5), the department must initiate an investigation and
16 inform the school district of any noncompliance within 30 calendar days of
17 receiving the complaint or having cause to believe the school district is not
18 in compliance.

19 “(b) If a complaint described in paragraph (a) of this subsection relates
20 to a specific student and is submitted by the student’s parent or foster par-
21 ent, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is not required to conduct an
22 investigation and shall:

23 “(A) Presume that consent for the abbreviated school day program place-
24 ment has been revoked.

25 “(B) Immediately, and in no case no more than two business days after
26 receipt of the complaint, order the school district to provide to the student,
27 within five school days, meaningful access to the same number of hours of
28 instruction and educational services that are provided to the majority of
29 other students who are in the same grade within the student’s resident
30 school district. For the purpose of this subparagraph, ‘business day’ has the

1 meaning given that term in ORS 192.311.

2 “(C) Find the school district is not in compliance with ORS 343.322 (7)
3 and 343.324 (5) if the school district fails to comply with the order described
4 in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph and the parent or foster parent has
5 not granted written consent for an extension as described in subsection (1)(d)
6 of this section.

7 “(c) If the superintendent finds that a school district is not in compliance
8 with ORS 343.322 (7) and 343.324 (5), either after an investigation or as pro-
9 vided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, the superintendent shall:

10 “(A) Enter an order that any students named in the complaint or identi-
11 fied in the course of an investigation initiated under paragraph (a) of this
12 subsection who are placed on an abbreviated school day program in violation
13 of ORS 343.322 (7) and 343.324 (5) be provided, within five school days of the
14 final order, with meaningful access to the same number of hours of instruc-
15 tion and educational services that are provided to the majority of other
16 students who are in the same grade within the student’s resident school
17 district.

18 “(B) If the school district fails to comply with the order described in
19 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph within five school days, find the school
20 district nonstandard under ORS 327.103 or 334.217 until all students subject
21 to the order and placed on an abbreviated school day program in violation
22 of ORS 343.322 (7) and 343.324 (5) are provided with meaningful access to the
23 same number of hours of instruction and educational services that are pro-
24 vided to the majority of other students who are in the same grade within the
25 student’s resident school district.

26 “(C) If the school district fails to comply with the order described in
27 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph within 10 school days and notwithstand-
28 ing any timelines or process requirements of ORS 327.103 or 334.217, imme-
29 diately withhold State School Fund moneys that otherwise would be
30 distributed to the school district. Amounts withheld must be calculated

1 based on the weighted average daily membership attributable to the students
2 subject to the order, as calculated under ORS 327.013, and the percentage of
3 the school year that the students were placed on an abbreviated school day
4 program in violation of ORS 343.322 (7) and 343.324 (5).

5 “(D) Require the school district to provide compensatory education to the
6 students subject to the order that is equivalent to at least one hour of direct
7 instruction for every two hours of instruction that were lost due to an ab-
8 breviated school day program placement in violation of ORS 343.322 (7) and
9 343.324 (5).

10 “(3) The failure of a school district superintendent to restore meaningful
11 access to a student within the time required by ORS 343.326 (3)(b)(B) or
12 subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section or to comply with an order issued
13 under subsection (2)(c) of this section to restore meaningful access to all
14 students subject to the order may be grounds for discipline by the Teacher
15 Standards and Practices Commission under ORS 342.175. If the [*commission*]
16 **Department of Education** receives a complaint concerning a failure de-
17 scribed in this subsection, the commission shall take into consideration the
18 responsive efforts and actions of the superintendent to restore meaningful
19 access to the student or students.

20 “**SECTION 67.** ORS 344.059 is amended to read:

21 “344.059. The Department of Education shall advance the policy on career
22 and technical education described in ORS 344.055 by:

23 “(1) Administering the distribution of grants or entering into contracts
24 for the purpose of expanding teacher training programs related to career and
25 technical education that can lead to high wage and high demand jobs. Grants
26 awarded, or contracts entered into, under this subsection may be funded with
27 moneys available under ORS 327.372 and must:

28 “(a) Not exceed \$250,000 per grant or contract;

29 “(b) Be awarded to, or be entered with, an educator preparation program
30 or an educator preparation provider, regardless of whether courses are of-

1 fered in a traditional setting, by an alternative delivery method or by an
2 alternative time frame;

3 “(c) Be awarded or entered into for an educator preparation program that
4 has a plan for recruiting students to the program;

5 “(d) Be used to develop and provide coursework that:

6 “(A) Qualifies for credit or as professional development and that satisfies
7 licensure or endorsement requirements; and

8 “(B) Is provided in a broad group of instructional areas that are grouped
9 to give context for academic, technical and career learning; and

10 “(e) To the extent practicable, align with grant distribution requirements
11 of the Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program de-
12 scribed in ORS 344.075.

13 “(2) Developing and supporting the infrastructure for an online system
14 that is accessible statewide and that delivers courses and professional de-
15 velopment to teachers of career and technical education. For the purpose of
16 this subsection, the department may retain up to eight percent of the moneys
17 available to the department under this section.

18 “(3) Pursuant to rules adopted by the Teacher Standards and Prac-
19 tices Commission, establishing and regularly updating the require-
20 ments for an educator preparation program for prospective career and
21 technical education teachers with trade or industry experience. The
22 requirements must:

23 “(a) Identify a minimum number of required credit hours for a
24 program; and

25 “(b) Be established and regularly updated based on consultations
26 with relevant trade or industry stakeholders, the Teacher Standards
27 and Practices Commission and the Higher Education Coordinating
28 Commission.

29 “[3] (4) Collaborating with the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-
30 mission and the Educator Advancement Council to:

1 “(a) Enable experts in trade or industry to become teachers of career and
2 technical education, **including through a limited license or alternative**
3 **requirements for licensure**;

4 “(b) Coordinate communications about career and technical education,
5 including communications:

6 “(A) Intended to identify potential teachers of career and technical edu-
7 cation from trade or industry;

8 “(B) With experts in trades or industry about the requirements for tran-
9 sitioning from employment in a trade or an industry to teaching; and

10 “(C) With educator preparation programs and educator preparation pro-
11 viders about teaching opportunities related to career and technical educa-
12 tion; and

13 “(c) Review statutes and rules for necessary changes and to review and
14 recommend alternative methods to increase available funding options.

15 “[~~(4)~~] (5) Developing and maintaining the website described in ORS
16 344.141.

17 **“SECTION 68.** ORS 348.295 is amended to read:

18 “348.295. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial aid au-
19 thorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award
20 scholarships to culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates to use
21 at approved educator preparation providers, as defined in ORS 342.120, for
22 the purpose of advancing the goal described in ORS 342.437 (1)(a).

23 “(2) Scholarships awarded under this section shall be in amounts of
24 \$12,000 each academic year, for a maximum of two academic years.

25 “(3) The commission shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation
26 and administration of this section in consultation with the Educator Ad-
27 vancement Council and the Department of Education.

28 “(4) As used in this section:

29 “(a) ‘Teacher candidate’ means an individual who is preparing to be a
30 teacher or other school professional licensed, registered or certified by the

1 [Teacher Standards and Practices Commission] **Department of Education.**

2 “(b) ‘Teacher candidate’ does not mean an individual who is preparing to
3 be an administrator.

4 **“SECTION 69.** ORS 419B.005, as amended by section 64, chapter 73,
5 Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

6 “419B.005. As used in ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050, unless the context re-
7 quires otherwise:

8 “(1)(a) ‘Abuse’ means:

9 “(A) Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any
10 physical injury to a child that has been caused by other than accidental
11 means, including any injury that appears to be at variance with the expla-
12 nation given of the injury.

13 “(B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only cruel or
14 unconscionable acts or statements made, or threatened to be made, to a child
15 if the acts, statements or threats result in severe harm to the child’s psy-
16 chological, cognitive, emotional or social well-being and functioning.

17 “(C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy,
18 unlawful sexual penetration and incest, as those acts are described in ORS
19 chapter 163.

20 “(D) Sexual abuse, as described in ORS chapter 163.

21 “(E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:

22 “(i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS
23 chapter 163, and any other conduct that allows, employs, authorizes, permits,
24 induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to ob-
25 serve or the photographing, filming, tape recording or other exhibition that,
26 in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS
27 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a
28 child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct that is part of any
29 investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or that is designed to
30 serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and

1 “(ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in
2 prostitution as described in ORS 167.007 or a commercial sex act as defined
3 in ORS 163.266, to purchase sex with a minor as described in ORS 163.413
4 or to engage in commercial sexual solicitation as described in ORS 167.008.

5 “(F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not
6 limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical
7 care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.

8 “(G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a
9 substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare.

10 “(H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age as described in ORS
11 163.537.

12 “(I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or
13 upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.

14 “(J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS
15 475.005, or to the unlawful manufacturing of a cannabinoid extract, as de-
16 fined in ORS 475C.009, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to
17 the child’s health or safety.

18 “(K) The restraint or seclusion of a child in violation of ORS 339.285,
19 339.288, 339.291, 339.303 or 339.308.

20 “(L) The infliction of corporal punishment on a child in violation of ORS
21 339.250 (9).

22 “(b) ‘Abuse’ does not include reasonable discipline unless the discipline
23 results in one of the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

24 “(2) ‘Child’ means an unmarried person who:

25 “(a) Is under 18 years of age; or

26 “(b) Is a child in care, as defined in ORS 418.257.

27 “(3) ‘Higher education institution’ means:

28 “(a) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005;

29 “(b) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

30 “(c) The Oregon Health and Science University; and

1 “(d) A private institution of higher education located in Oregon.

2 “(4)(a) ‘Investigation’ means a detailed inquiry into or assessment of the
3 safety of a child alleged to have experienced abuse.

4 “(b) ‘Investigation’ does not include screening activities conducted upon
5 the receipt of a report.

6 “(5) ‘Law enforcement agency’ means:

7 “(a) A city or municipal police department.

8 “(b) A county sheriff’s office.

9 “(c) The Oregon State Police.

10 “(d) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.121
11 or 353.125.

12 “(e) A county juvenile department.

13 “(6) ‘Public or private official’ means:

14 “(a) Physician or physician associate licensed under ORS chapter 677 or
15 naturopathic physician, including any intern or resident.

16 “(b) Dentist.

17 “(c) School employee, including an employee of a higher education insti-
18 tution.

19 “(d) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse’s
20 aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.

21 “(e) Employee of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Au-
22 thority, Department of Early Learning and Care, Department of Education,
23 Youth Development Division, the Oregon Youth Authority, a local health
24 department, a community mental health program, a community develop-
25 mental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a child-caring
26 agency as that term is defined in ORS 418.205 or an alcohol and drug treat-
27 ment program.

28 “(f) Peace officer.

29 “(g) Psychologist.

30 “(h) Member of the clergy.

- 1 “(i) Regulated social worker.
- 2 “(j) Optometrist.
- 3 “(k) Chiropractor.
- 4 “(L) Certified provider of foster care, or an employee thereof.
- 5 “(m) Attorney.
- 6 “(n) Licensed professional counselor.
- 7 “(o) Licensed marriage and family therapist.
- 8 “(p) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.
- 9 “(q) Court appointed special advocate, as defined in ORS 419A.004.
- 10 “(r) Child care provider registered or certified under ORS 329A.250 to
- 11 329A.450.
- 12 “(s) Elected official of a branch of government of this state or a state
- 13 agency, board, commission or department of a branch of government of this
- 14 state or of a city, county or other political subdivision in this state.
- 15 “(t) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.
- 16 “(u) Audiologist.
- 17 “(v) Speech-language pathologist.
- 18 “[*w*] *Employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission di-*
- 19 *rectly involved in investigations or discipline by the commission.*]
- 20 “[*x*] **(w)** Pharmacist.
- 21 “[*y*] **(x)** Operator of a preschool recorded program under ORS 329A.255.
- 22 “[*z*] **(y)** Operator of a school-age recorded program under ORS 329A.255.
- 23 “[*aa*] **(z)** Employee of a private agency or organization facilitating the
- 24 provision of respite services, as defined in ORS 418.205, for parents pursuant
- 25 to a properly executed power of attorney under ORS 109.056.
- 26 “[*bb*] **(aa)** Employee of a public or private organization providing
- 27 child-related services or activities:
- 28 “(A) Including but not limited to an employee of a:
- 29 “(i) Youth group or center;
- 30 “(ii) Scout group or camp;

1 “(iii) Summer or day camp;

2 “(iv) Survival camp; or

3 “(v) Group, center or camp that is operated under the guidance, super-
4 vision or auspices of a religious, public or private educational system or a
5 community service organization; and

6 “(B) Excluding an employee of a qualified victim services program as de-
7 fined in ORS 147.600 that provides confidential, direct services to victims of
8 domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.

9 “[*cc*] **(bb)** Coach, assistant coach or trainer of an amateur, semiprofes-
10 sional or professional athlete, if compensated and if the athlete is a child.

11 “[*dd*] **(cc)** Personal support worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.

12 “[*ee*] **(dd)** Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.

13 “[*ff*] **(ee)** Animal control officer, as defined in ORS 609.500.

14 “[*gg*] **(ff)** Member of a school district board, an education service dis-
15 trict board or a public charter school governing body.

16 “[*hh*] **(gg)** Individual who is paid by a public body, in accordance with
17 ORS 430.215, to provide a service identified in an individualized service plan
18 of a child with a developmental disability.

19 “[*ii*] **(hh)** Referral agent, as defined in ORS 418.351.

20 “[*jj*] **(ii)** Parole and probation officer, as defined in ORS 181A.355.

21 “[*kk*] **(jj)** Behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst licensed under
22 ORS 676.810 or behavior analysis interventionist registered by the Health
23 Licensing Office under ORS 676.815.

24 “**SECTION 70.** ORS 419B.005, as amended by section 6, chapter 581,
25 Oregon Laws 2023, and section 65, chapter 73, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended
26 to read:

27 “419B.005. As used in ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050, unless the context re-
28 quires otherwise:

29 “(1)(a) ‘Abuse’ means:

30 “(A) Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any

1 physical injury to a child that has been caused by other than accidental
2 means, including any injury that appears to be at variance with the expla-
3 nation given of the injury.

4 “(B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only cruel or
5 unconscionable acts or statements made, or threatened to be made, to a child
6 if the acts, statements or threats result in severe harm to the child’s psy-
7 chological, cognitive, emotional or social well-being and functioning.

8 “(C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy,
9 unlawful sexual penetration and incest, as those acts are described in ORS
10 chapter 163.

11 “(D) Sexual abuse, as described in ORS chapter 163.

12 “(E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:

13 “(i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS
14 chapter 163, and any other conduct that allows, employs, authorizes, permits,
15 induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to ob-
16 serve or the photographing, filming, tape recording or other exhibition that,
17 in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS
18 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a
19 child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct that is part of any
20 investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or that is designed to
21 serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and

22 “(ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in
23 prostitution as described in ORS 167.007 or a commercial sex act as defined
24 in ORS 163.266, to purchase sex with a minor as described in ORS 163.413
25 or to engage in commercial sexual solicitation as described in ORS 167.008.

26 “(F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not
27 limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical
28 care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.

29 “(G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a
30 substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare.

1 “(H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age as described in ORS
2 163.537.

3 “(I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or
4 upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.

5 “(J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS
6 475.005, or to the unlawful manufacturing of a cannabinoid extract, as de-
7 fined in ORS 475C.009, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to
8 the child’s health or safety.

9 “(K) The infliction of corporal punishment on a child in violation of ORS
10 339.250 (9).

11 “(b) ‘Abuse’ does not include reasonable discipline unless the discipline
12 results in one of the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

13 “(2) ‘Child’ means an unmarried person who:

14 “(a) Is under 18 years of age; or

15 “(b) Is a child in care, as defined in ORS 418.257.

16 “(3) ‘Higher education institution’ means:

17 “(a) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005;

18 “(b) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

19 “(c) The Oregon Health and Science University; and

20 “(d) A private institution of higher education located in Oregon.

21 “(4)(a) ‘Investigation’ means a detailed inquiry into or assessment of the
22 safety of a child alleged to have experienced abuse.

23 “(b) ‘Investigation’ does not include screening activities conducted upon
24 the receipt of a report.

25 “(5) ‘Law enforcement agency’ means:

26 “(a) A city or municipal police department.

27 “(b) A county sheriff’s office.

28 “(c) The Oregon State Police.

29 “(d) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.121
30 or 353.125.

1 “(e) A county juvenile department.

2 “(6) ‘Public or private official’ means:

3 “(a) Physician or physician associate licensed under ORS chapter 677 or

4 naturopathic physician, including any intern or resident.

5 “(b) Dentist.

6 “(c) School employee, including an employee of a higher education insti-

7 tution.

8 “(d) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse’s

9 aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.

10 “(e) Employee of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Au-

11 thority, Department of Early Learning and Care, Department of Education,

12 Youth Development Division, the Oregon Youth Authority, a local health

13 department, a community mental health program, a community develop-

14 mental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a child-caring

15 agency as that term is defined in ORS 418.205 or an alcohol and drug treat-

16 ment program.

17 “(f) Peace officer.

18 “(g) Psychologist.

19 “(h) Member of the clergy.

20 “(i) Regulated social worker.

21 “(j) Optometrist.

22 “(k) Chiropractor.

23 “(L) Certified provider of foster care, or an employee thereof.

24 “(m) Attorney.

25 “(n) Licensed professional counselor.

26 “(o) Licensed marriage and family therapist.

27 “(p) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.

28 “(q) Court appointed special advocate, as defined in ORS 419A.004.

29 “(r) Child care provider registered or certified under ORS 329A.250 to

30 329A.450.

1 “(s) Elected official of a branch of government of this state or a state
2 agency, board, commission or department of a branch of government of this
3 state or of a city, county or other political subdivision in this state.

4 “(t) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.

5 “(u) Audiologist.

6 “(v) Speech-language pathologist.

7 “[*w*] *Employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission di-*
8 *rectly involved in investigations or discipline by the commission.*]

9 “[*x*] **(w)** Pharmacist.

10 “[*y*] **(x)** Operator of a preschool recorded program under ORS 329A.255.

11 “[*z*] **(y)** Operator of a school-age recorded program under ORS 329A.255.

12 “[*aa*] **(z)** Employee of a private agency or organization facilitating the
13 provision of respite services, as defined in ORS 418.205, for parents pursuant
14 to a properly executed power of attorney under ORS 109.056.

15 “[*bb*] **(aa)** Employee of a public or private organization providing
16 child-related services or activities:

17 “(A) Including but not limited to an employee of a:

18 “(i) Youth group or center;

19 “(ii) Scout group or camp;

20 “(iii) Summer or day camp;

21 “(iv) Survival camp; or

22 “(v) Group, center or camp that is operated under the guidance, super-
23 vision or auspices of a religious, public or private educational system or a
24 community service organization; and

25 “(B) Excluding an employee of a qualified victim services program as de-
26 fined in ORS 147.600 that provides confidential, direct services to victims of
27 domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.

28 “[*cc*] **(bb)** Coach, assistant coach or trainer of an amateur, semiprofes-
29 sional or professional athlete, if compensated and if the athlete is a child.

30 “[*dd*] **(cc)** Personal support worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.

1 “[*ee*] **(dd)** Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.

2 “[*ff*] **(ee)** Animal control officer, as defined in ORS 609.500.

3 “[*gg*] **(ff)** Member of a school district board, an education service dis-
4 trict board or a public charter school governing body.

5 “[*hh*] **(gg)** Individual who is paid by a public body, in accordance with
6 ORS 430.215, to provide a service identified in an individualized service plan
7 of a child with a developmental disability.

8 “[*ii*] **(hh)** Referral agent, as defined in ORS 418.351.

9 “[*jj*] **(ii)** Parole and probation officer, as defined in ORS 181A.355.

10 “[*kk*] **(jj)** Behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst licensed under
11 ORS 676.810 or behavior analysis interventionist registered by the Health
12 Licensing Office under ORS 676.815.

13 **“SECTION 71.** ORS 419B.019 is amended to read:

14 “419B.019. (1) As used in this section:

15 “(a) ‘Agent’ means a person who:

16 “(A) Acts as an agent for an education provider in a manner that requires
17 the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with children; and

18 “(B) Interacts with a child because of the person’s status as an agent for
19 an education provider.

20 “(b) ‘Contractor’ means a person who:

21 “(A) Provides services to an education provider under a contract in a
22 manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with
23 children; and

24 “(B) Interacts with a child because of the person’s status as a contractor
25 for an education provider.

26 “(c) ‘Education provider’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 339.370.

27 “(d) ‘School employee’ means a person who:

28 “(A) Is an employee of an education provider; and

29 “(B) Interacts with a child because of the person’s status as an employee
30 of an education provider.

1 “(e) ‘Volunteer’ means a person who:

2 “(A) Acts as a volunteer for an education provider in a manner that re-
3 quires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with children; and

4 “(B) Interacts with a child because of the person’s status as a volunteer
5 of an education provider.

6 “(2) A law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services
7 must conduct an investigation as provided by ORS 419B.020 if the law
8 enforcement agency or department receives a report of abuse that involves
9 a child and a person who is a school employee, contractor, agent or volun-
10 teer.

11 “(3) A law enforcement agency shall notify the department as provided
12 by ORS 419B.015 if the law enforcement agency receives a report described
13 in subsection (2) of this section. The department shall notify a law enforce-
14 ment agency as provided by ORS 419B.015 if the department receives a report
15 described in subsection (2) of this section. The department shall ensure that
16 an investigation related to the report is conducted if the report is not in-
17 vestigated by a law enforcement agency.

18 “(4)(a) Within three business days of receiving a report or notification of
19 a report described in subsection (2) of this section, the department shall no-
20 tify:

21 “(A) The appropriate education provider to ensure the safety of the child,
22 if the department believes the report of suspected abuse involves the child
23 and a person who is a school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer;

24 “(B) The [*Teacher Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of**
25 **Education**, if the Department **of Human Services** believes the school em-
26 ployee, contractor, agent or volunteer is licensed, registered or certified by
27 the [*commission*] **Department of Education**[,] or

28 “[*C) The Department of Education,*] if the Department of Human Services
29 believes the report of suspected abuse:

30 “(i) Occurred in a school or was related to a school-sponsored activity;

1 or

2 “(ii) Involves a child and a person who is a school employee, contractor,
3 agent or volunteer and whose conduct may be subject to actions taken by the
4 Department of Education under ORS 339.370 to 339.400.

5 “(b) For the purpose of notification made under this subsection, the De-
6 partment of Human Services may not disclose the name and address of, and
7 other identifying information about, the person who made the report, but the
8 department shall make available any information necessary to ensure the
9 safety of the child, including the name of the school and the name of the
10 person who may have conducted the suspected abuse. Except as provided by
11 ORS 339.389, any person or entity to whom notification is made under this
12 subsection may not release any information not authorized by this sub-
13 section.

14 “(c) When the Department of Education receives notification under this
15 subsection, the department shall act under, and is subject to, ORS 339.389.

16 “(5) The Department of Human Services shall submit a report on the first
17 day of every calendar quarter to the committees or interim committees of the
18 Legislative Assembly related to child welfare, for the purposes of public re-
19 view and oversight of the quality and safety of education providers. Infor-
20 mation provided in reports under this subsection may not contain the name
21 of a child or any identifying information about a child. The reports must
22 contain all of the following information about each investigation described
23 in subsection (2) of this section that resulted in a finding, during the pre-
24 ceding quarter, that the report of abuse was substantiated:

25 “(a) The name of the education provider where the department conducted
26 the investigation;

27 “(b) The approximate date that the abuse occurred;

28 “(c) The nature of the abuse and a brief narrative description of the abuse
29 that occurred; and

30 “(d) Whether a reportable injury, sexual abuse or death resulted from the

1 abuse.

2 “(6) The department may adopt any rules necessary for the administration
3 of this section.

4 **“SECTION 72.** ORS 419B.035, as amended by section 68, chapter 73,
5 Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

6 “419B.035. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 192.001 to 192.170,
7 192.210 to 192.478 and 192.610 to 192.810 relating to confidentiality and ac-
8 cessibility for public inspection of public records and public documents, re-
9 ports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050
10 are confidential and may not be disclosed except as provided in this section.

11 The Department of Human Services shall make the records available to:

12 “(a) Any law enforcement agency or a child abuse registry in any other
13 state for the purpose of subsequent investigation of child abuse;

14 “(b) Any physician, physician associate licensed under ORS 677.505 to
15 677.525 or nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390, at the
16 request of the physician, physician associate or nurse practitioner, regarding
17 any child brought to the physician, physician associate or nurse practitioner
18 or coming before the physician, physician associate or nurse practitioner for
19 examination, care or treatment;

20 “(c) Attorneys of record for the child or child’s parent or guardian in any
21 juvenile court proceeding;

22 “(d) Citizen review boards established by the Judicial Department for the
23 purpose of periodically reviewing the status of children, youths and adjudi-
24 cated youths under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under ORS 419B.100
25 and 419C.005. Citizen review boards may make such records available to
26 participants in case reviews;

27 “(e) A court appointed special advocate in any juvenile court proceeding
28 in which it is alleged that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neg-
29 lect;

30 “(f) The Department of Early Learning and Care for the purpose of car-

1 rying out the functions of the department, including the certification, regis-
2 tration or regulation of child care facilities and child care providers and the
3 administration of enrollment in the Central Background Registry;

4 “(g) The Office of Children’s Advocate;

5 “[*h*) *The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for investigations*
6 *conducted under ORS 339.390 or 342.176 involving any child or any student;*]

7 “**(h) The Department of Education for investigations conducted**
8 **under ORS 339.390 or 342.176 involving any child or student and the**
9 **Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for any disciplinary**
10 **proceedings;**

11 “(i) Any person, upon request to the Department of Human Services, if
12 the reports or records requested regard an incident in which a child, as the
13 result of abuse, died or suffered serious physical injury as defined in ORS
14 161.015. Reports or records disclosed under this paragraph must be disclosed
15 in accordance with ORS 192.311 to 192.478;

16 “(j) The Department of Early Learning and Care for purposes of applica-
17 tions described in ORS 329A.030 (11)(c)(G) to (J);

18 “(k) With respect to a report of abuse occurring at a school or in an ed-
19 ucational setting that involves a child with a disability, Disability Rights
20 Oregon;

21 “(L) The Department of Education for purposes of investigations con-
22 ducted under ORS 339.391;

23 “(m) An education provider for the purpose of making determinations
24 under ORS 339.388; and

25 “(n) A national nonprofit organization designated by the Department of
26 Human Services that provides assistance with locating, recovering or pro-
27 viding services to children or youth determined by the department to be
28 missing.

29 “(2)(a) When disclosing reports and records pursuant to subsection (1)(i)
30 of this section, the Department of Human Services may exempt from disclo-

1 sure the names, addresses and other identifying information about other
2 children, witnesses, victims or other persons named in the report or record
3 if the department determines, in written findings, that the safety or well-
4 being of a person named in the report or record may be jeopardized by dis-
5 closure of the names, addresses or other identifying information, and if that
6 concern outweighs the public's interest in the disclosure of that information.

7 “(b) If the Department of Human Services does not have a report or re-
8 cord of abuse regarding a child who, as the result of abuse, died or suffered
9 serious physical injury as defined in ORS 161.015, the department may dis-
10 close that information.

11 “(3) The Department of Human Services may make reports and records
12 compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to any
13 person, administrative hearings officer, court, agency, organization or other
14 entity when the department determines that such disclosure is necessary to
15 administer its child welfare services and is in the best interests of the af-
16 fected child, or that such disclosure is necessary to investigate, prevent or
17 treat child abuse and neglect, to protect children from abuse and neglect or
18 for research when the Director of Human Services gives prior written ap-
19 proval. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules setting forth the
20 procedures by which it will make the disclosures authorized under this sub-
21 section or subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The name, address and other
22 identifying information about the person who made the report may not be
23 disclosed pursuant to this subsection and subsection (1) of this section.

24 “(4) A law enforcement agency may make reports and records compiled
25 under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to other law
26 enforcement agencies, district attorneys, city attorneys with criminal
27 prosecutorial functions and the Attorney General when the law enforcement
28 agency determines that disclosure is necessary for the investigation or
29 enforcement of laws relating to child abuse and neglect or necessary to de-
30 termine a claim for crime victim compensation under ORS 147.005 to 147.367.

1 “(5)(a) A law enforcement agency, upon completing an investigation and
2 closing the file in a specific case relating to child abuse or neglect, shall
3 make reports and records in the case available upon request to:

4 “(A) Any law enforcement agency or community corrections agency in
5 this state, to the Department of Corrections, to the Oregon Youth Authority
6 or to the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision for the purpose
7 of managing and supervising offenders in custody or on probation, parole,
8 post-prison supervision or other form of conditional or supervised release;
9 and

10 “[*(B) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for investigations*
11 *conducted under ORS 339.390 and 342.176.*]

12 “**(B) The Department of Education for investigations conducted**
13 **under ORS 339.390 or 342.176 involving any child or student and the**
14 **Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for any disciplinary**
15 **proceedings.**

16 “(b) A law enforcement agency may make reports and records compiled
17 under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to the Oregon
18 Youth Authority, **the Department of Education and** the Teacher Stan-
19 dards and Practices Commission for investigations conducted under ORS
20 339.390 and 342.176, law enforcement, community corrections, corrections or
21 parole agencies in an open case when the law enforcement agency determines
22 that the disclosure will not interfere with an ongoing investigation in the
23 case.

24 “(c) The name, address and other identifying information about the person
25 who made the report may not be disclosed under this subsection or sub-
26 section (6)(b) of this section.

27 “(6)(a) Any record made available to a law enforcement agency or com-
28 munity corrections agency in this state, to the Department of Corrections,
29 the Oregon Youth Authority, the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison
30 Supervision, **the Department of Education** or the Teacher Standards and

1 Practices Commission or to a physician, physician associate or nurse prac-
2 titioner in this state, as authorized by subsections (1) to (5) of this section,
3 shall be kept confidential by the agency, department, board, commission,
4 physician, physician associate or nurse practitioner. Any record or report
5 disclosed by the Department of Human Services to other persons or entities
6 pursuant to subsections (1) and (3) of this section shall be kept confidential.

7 “(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection:

8 “(A) A law enforcement agency, a community corrections agency, the
9 Department of Corrections, the Oregon Youth Authority and the State Board
10 of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision may disclose records made available
11 to them under subsection (5) of this section to each other, to law enforce-
12 ment, community corrections, corrections and parole agencies of other states
13 and to authorized treatment providers for the purpose of managing and
14 supervising offenders in custody or on probation, parole, post-prison super-
15 vision or other form of conditional or supervised release.

16 “(B) The Department of Corrections and the Oregon Youth Authority may
17 disclose records made available to them under subsection (5) of this section
18 regarding a person in the custody of the Department of Corrections or the
19 Oregon Youth Authority to each other, to the court, to the district attorney
20 and to the person’s attorney for the purpose of the person’s hearing under
21 ORS 420A.200 to 420A.206.

22 “(C) A person may disclose records made available to the person under
23 subsection (1)(i) of this section if the records are disclosed for the purpose
24 of advancing the public interest.

25 “(7) Except as provided by ORS 339.389, an officer or employee of the
26 Department of Human Services or of a law enforcement agency or any person
27 or entity to whom disclosure is made pursuant to subsections (1) to (6) of this
28 section may not release any information not authorized by subsections (1) to
29 (6) of this section.

30 “(8) A record of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression,

1 as defined in ORS 409.225, is exempt from disclosure under subsection (1) of
2 this section unless:

3 “(a) The department determines, in written findings, that failure to dis-
4 close the record is reasonably likely to jeopardize the child’s safety or well-
5 being;

6 “(b) The department determines, in written findings, that disclosure of the
7 record is necessary to provide services to the child or the child’s family; or

8 “(c) The child consents to the disclosure.

9 “(9) As used in this section, ‘law enforcement agency’ has the meaning
10 given that term in ORS 181A.010.

11 “(10) A person who violates subsection (6)(a) or (7) of this section commits
12 a Class A violation.

13 **“SECTION 73.** ORS 675.520 is amended to read:

14 “675.520. (1) A person may not use any title, words or abbreviations, in-
15 cluding the title ‘social worker,’ that indicate that the person has an au-
16 thorization to practice regulated social work unless the person is a regulated
17 social worker.

18 “(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:

19 “(a) The use of the educational designations ‘Bachelor of Social Work’
20 or ‘Master’s of Social Work’ by a person who is not a regulated social
21 worker; or

22 “(b) The use of the title ‘school social worker’ by a person who:

23 “(A) Is not a regulated social worker;

24 “(B) Holds a master’s degree in social work from an accredited college
25 or university; and

26 “(C) Is licensed as a school social worker by the [*Teacher Standards and*
27 *Practices Commission*] **Department of Education.**

28 **“SECTION 74.** ORS 676.866 is amended to read:

29 “676.866. (1) As used in this section:

30 “(a) ‘Board’ means:

1 “(A) The Oregon Board of Psychology;

2 “(B) The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Thera-

3 pists;

4 “(C) The State Board of Licensed Social Workers;

5 “[*(D) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission; and*]

6 “**(D) The Department of Education; and**

7 “(E) The Traditional Health Workers Commission.

8 “(b) ‘Licensee’ means:

9 “(A) A clinical social worker, as defined in ORS 675.510;

10 “(B) A regulated social worker, as defined in ORS 675.510;

11 “(C) A licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined in ORS 675.705;

12 “(D) A licensed psychologist, as defined in ORS 675.010;

13 “(E) A licensed professional counselor, as defined in ORS 675.705;

14 “(F) A school counselor, as defined by rule by the Teacher Standards and

15 Practices Commission; and

16 “(G) The following professionals regulated by the Oregon Health Author-

17 ity by rules adopted pursuant to subsection (9) of this section or employed

18 in a program operated or overseen by the authority:

19 “(i) A qualified mental health associate;

20 “(ii) A qualified mental health professional;

21 “(iii) A certified alcohol and drug counselor;

22 “(iv) A prevention specialist;

23 “(v) A problem gambling treatment provider;

24 “(vi) A recovery mentor;

25 “(vii) A community health worker;

26 “(viii) A personal health navigator;

27 “(ix) A personal support specialist;

28 “(x) A peer wellness specialist;

29 “(xi) A doula;

30 “(xii) A family support specialist;

1 “(xiii) A youth support specialist; and

2 “(xiv) A peer support specialist.

3 “(2)(a) The authority and a board shall require a licensee regulated by the
4 authority or the board to complete two hours every two years or three hours
5 every three years of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment,
6 treatment and management and report to the authority or the board the
7 licensee’s completion of the continuing education described in this sub-
8 section. The authority and the board shall ensure that the timelines for
9 completion of the continuing education align with the licensee’s professional
10 authorization issuance and renewal timelines.

11 “(b) The authority and a board shall approve continuing education op-
12 portunities that are applicable and relevant to the licensees regulated by the
13 authority or the board. A board may encourage a licensee regulated by the
14 board to complete continuing education opportunities recommended by the
15 authority.

16 “(3) A licensee shall report the completion of the continuing education
17 described in subsection (2) of this section to the board that regulates the
18 licensee or to the authority if the licensee is a professional listed in sub-
19 section (1)(b)(G) of this section.

20 “(4)(a) The authority and a board shall document completion of the con-
21 tinuing education described in subsection (2) of this section by a licensee
22 regulated by the authority or a board.

23 “(b) In consultation with the authority, a board shall adopt rules requir-
24 ing licensees to submit documentation of completion to the board.

25 “(c) The authority shall adopt rules requiring licensees regulated by the
26 authority to submit documentation of completion to the authority.

27 “(5) The authority and a board may adopt rules to:

28 “(a) Identify the experience and training that a licensee regulated by the
29 authority or the board must have in order to be exempt from the require-
30 ments of subsection (2) of this section.

1 “(b) Allow the concurrent completion of continuing education described
2 in subsection (2) of this section with continuing education opportunities re-
3 lated to professional ethics or cultural competency if the opportunities also
4 provide the continuing education described in subsection (2) of this section.

5 “(6) A board, on or before March 1 of each odd-numbered year, shall re-
6 port to the authority on the information described in subsection (4) of this
7 section, as well as information about the implementation of the continuing
8 education described in subsection (2) of this section.

9 “(7) The authority, on or before August 1 of each odd-numbered year, shall
10 report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
11 health care on the information submitted to the authority under subsection
12 (6) of this section and information collected by the authority under sub-
13 section (4) of this section. The authority shall remove any personally iden-
14 tifiable information collected by or submitted to the authority under
15 subsection (4) or (6) of this section.

16 “(8) The authority may use the information collected by the authority
17 under subsection (4) of this section in conjunction with the information de-
18 scribed in ORS 676.860 to facilitate improvements in suicide risk assessment,
19 treatment and management efforts in this state.

20 “(9)(a) The authority and a board may adopt rules to carry out this sec-
21 tion.

22 “(b) The authority may adopt rules to define and regulate the professions
23 listed in subsection (1)(b)(G) of this section.

24 **“SECTION 75.** ORS 681.230 is amended to read:

25 “681.230. (1) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a person may
26 use a procedure included in the practice of speech-language pathology or
27 audiology if the procedure is within the person’s scope of practice and the
28 person is:

29 “(a) Licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS
30 676.160;

1 “(b) Performing basic audiometric testing under the supervision of a
2 physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 or a naturopathic physician li-
3 censed under ORS chapter 685 and representing that the person is a medical
4 assistant or audiology assistant;

5 “(c) A teacher who is licensed by the [*Teacher Standards and Practices*
6 *Commission*] **Department of Education** and who holds a hearing impaired
7 endorsement issued by the [*commission*] **department**;

8 “(d) A student participating in supervised field work or supervised course
9 work in speech-language pathology or audiology as part of a college or uni-
10 versity program approved by the State Board of Examiners for Speech-
11 Language Pathology and Audiology; or

12 “(e) A student taking an undergraduate course in speech-language
13 pathology approved by the board.

14 “(2) A person practicing speech-language pathology or audiology without
15 a license under subsection (1) of this section may not represent or imply that
16 the person is a speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology as-
17 sistant or audiologist.

18 “(3) A person practicing speech-language pathology or audiology without
19 a license under subsection (1)(d) or (e) of this section:

20 “(a) Must use a title that indicates that the person is a student trainee.

21 “(b) May not be paid for speech-language pathology or audiology services
22 provided by the person, except that the person may be provided a reasonable
23 educational stipend.

24 “(4) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a person may:

25 “(a) Consult with or disseminate the person’s research findings and sci-
26 entific information to an accredited academic institution or a governmental
27 agency; and

28 “(b) Offer lectures to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise.

29 **“SECTION 76.** ORS 681.360 is amended to read:

30 “681.360. (1) A person may not perform the duties of a speech-language

1 pathology assistant or use the title speech-language pathology assistant
2 without a certificate to do so issued under this section.

3 “(2) To obtain a certificate to perform the duties of a speech-language
4 pathology assistant, a person shall:

5 “(a) Submit an application in the form prescribed by the State Board of
6 Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;

7 “(b) Pay the certificate fee established by the board;

8 “(c) Demonstrate that the person meets the qualifications for certification
9 established by the board; and

10 “(d) Comply with all other requirements for certification established by
11 the board.

12 “(3) A certificate issued under this section expires every two years. To
13 renew a certificate to perform the duties of a speech-language pathology as-
14 sistant, a person shall:

15 “(a) Submit the renewal application in the form prescribed by the board;

16 “(b) Pay the renewal fee established by the board; and

17 “(c) Comply with all other requirements for certificate renewal estab-
18 lished by the board, including but not limited to submission of evidence of
19 participation in professional development activities.

20 “(4) A person may not employ or otherwise use the services of a speech-
21 language pathology assistant unless the speech-language pathology assistant
22 is certified under this section.

23 “(5) The board may establish by rule qualifications and conditions under
24 which a person not licensed under this chapter who holds a preliminary
25 teaching license or professional teaching license in speech impaired or a
26 preliminary teaching license, professional teaching license or distinguished
27 teacher leader license in communication disorders issued by the [*Teacher*
28 *Standards and Practices Commission*] **Department of Education** may su-
29 pervise a speech-language pathology assistant working in a school.

30 “(6) The board may refuse to issue a certificate, or may suspend or revoke

1 the certificate, of any certified speech-language pathology assistant pursuant
2 to the provisions of ORS 681.350.

3 **“SECTION 77. ORS 342.410 and 344.062 are repealed.**

4 **“SECTION 78. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act, the amendments to ORS**
5 **181A.180, 326.726, 329.496, 329.603, 329.788, 336.635, 336.680, 338.120, 338.135,**
6 **339.250, 339.370, 339.372, 339.374, 339.378, 339.388, 339.389, 339.390, 339.391,**
7 **341.535, 342.120, 342.121, 342.122, 342.123, 342.125, 342.127, 342.130, 342.136,**
8 **342.137, 342.138, 342.143, 342.144, 342.147, 342.153, 342.165, 342.173, 342.175,**
9 **342.176, 342.177, 342.183, 342.192, 342.195, 342.200, 342.202, 342.203, 342.223,**
10 **342.350, 342.390, 342.420, 342.425, 342.430, 342.455, 342.465, 342.475, 342.485,**
11 **342.553, 342.621, 342.971, 343.328, 344.059, 348.295, 419B.005, 419B.019,**
12 **419B.035, 675.520, 676.866, 681.230 and 681.360 and section 4, chapter 756,**
13 **Oregon Laws 2015, and section 9a, chapter 518, Oregon Laws 2021, by**
14 **sections 2 to 76 of this 2025 Act and the repeal of ORS 342.410 and**
15 **344.062 by section 77 of this 2025 Act become operative on July 1, 2026.**

16 **“(2) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1)**
17 **of this section, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the**
18 **State Board of Education and the Department of Education may take**
19 **any action before the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this**
20 **section that is necessary for the Department of Education to exercise,**
21 **on and after the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this sec-**
22 **tion, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the depart-**
23 **ment by section 1 of this 2025 Act, the amendments to ORS 181A.180,**
24 **326.726, 329.496, 329.603, 329.788, 336.635, 336.680, 338.120, 338.135, 339.250,**
25 **339.370, 339.372, 339.374, 339.378, 339.388, 339.389, 339.390, 339.391, 341.535,**
26 **342.120, 342.121, 342.122, 342.123, 342.125, 342.127, 342.130, 342.136, 342.137,**
27 **342.138, 342.143, 342.144, 342.147, 342.153, 342.165, 342.173, 342.175, 342.176,**
28 **342.177, 342.183, 342.192, 342.195, 342.200, 342.202, 342.203, 342.223, 342.350,**
29 **342.390, 342.420, 342.425, 342.430, 342.455, 342.465, 342.475, 342.485, 342.553,**
30 **342.621, 342.971, 343.328, 344.059, 348.295, 419B.005, 419B.019, 419B.035,**

1 675.520, 676.866, 681.230 and 681.360 and section 4, chapter 756, Oregon
2 Laws 2015, and section 9a, chapter 518, Oregon Laws 2021, by sections
3 2 to 76 of this 2025 Act and the repeal of ORS 342.410 and 344.062 by
4 section 77 of this 2025 Act.

5 “(3) No later than September 15, 2025, the Teacher Standards and
6 Practices Commission, the State Board of Education and the Depart-
7 ment of Education shall submit a report concerning the progress of
8 the transfer of duties, functions and powers to the interim committees
9 of the Legislative Assembly related to education.

10 **“SECTION 79.** (1) The executive director of the Teacher Standards
11 and Practices Commission shall:

12 “(a) Deliver to the Department of Education all records and prop-
13 erty within the jurisdiction of the executive director that relates to the
14 duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2025 Act;
15 and

16 “(b) Transfer to the Department of Education those employees en-
17 gaged primarily in the exercise of the duties, functions and powers
18 transferred by section 1 of this 2025 Act.

19 “(2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall take possession
20 of the records and property, and shall take charge of the employees
21 and employ them in the exercise of the duties, functions and powers
22 transferred by section 1 of this 2025 Act, without reduction of com-
23 pensation but subject to change or termination of employment or
24 compensation as provided by law.

25 “(3) The Governor shall resolve any dispute between the Teacher
26 Standards and Practices Commission and the Department of Education
27 relating to transfers of records, property and employees under this
28 section, and the Governor’s decision is final.

29 **“SECTION 80.** (1) The unexpended balances of amounts authorized
30 to be expended by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

1 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, from revenues dedicated,
2 continuously appropriated, appropriated or otherwise made available
3 for the purpose of administering and enforcing the duties, functions
4 and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2025 Act are transferred to
5 and are available for expenditure by the Department of Education for
6 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for the purpose of administering
7 and enforcing the duties, functions and powers transferred by section
8 1 of this 2025 Act.

9 “(2) The expenditure classifications, if any, established by Acts au-
10 thorizing or limiting expenditures by the Teacher Standards and
11 Practices Commission remain applicable to expenditures by the De-
12 partment of Education under this section.

13 **“SECTION 81.** The transfer of duties, functions and powers to the
14 Department of Education by section 1 of this 2025 Act does not affect
15 any action, proceeding or prosecution involving or with respect to the
16 duties, functions and powers begun before and pending at the time of
17 the transfer, except that the Department of Education is substituted
18 for the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission in the action,
19 proceeding or prosecution.

20 **“SECTION 82.** (1) Nothing in the amendments to ORS 181A.180,
21 326.726, 329.496, 329.603, 329.788, 336.635, 336.680, 338.120, 338.135, 339.250,
22 339.370, 339.372, 339.374, 339.378, 339.388, 339.389, 339.390, 339.391, 341.535,
23 342.120, 342.121, 342.122, 342.123, 342.125, 342.127, 342.130, 342.136, 342.137,
24 342.138, 342.143, 342.144, 342.147, 342.153, 342.165, 342.173, 342.175, 342.176,
25 342.177, 342.183, 342.192, 342.195, 342.200, 342.202, 342.203, 342.223, 342.350,
26 342.390, 342.420, 342.425, 342.430, 342.455, 342.465, 342.475, 342.485, 342.553,
27 342.621, 342.971, 343.328, 344.059, 348.295, 419B.005, 419B.019, 419B.035,
28 675.520, 676.866, 681.230 and 681.360 and section 4, chapter 756, Oregon
29 Laws 2015, and section 9a, chapter 518, Oregon Laws 2021, by sections
30 2 to 76 of this 2025 Act or the repeal of ORS 342.410 and 344.062 by

1 section 77 of this 2025 Act relieves a person of a liability, duty or ob-
2 ligation accruing under or with respect to the duties, functions and
3 powers transferred by section 1 of this 2025 Act. The Department of
4 Education may undertake the collection or enforcement of any such
5 liability, duty or obligation.

6 “(2) The rights and obligations of the Teacher Standards and Prac-
7 tices Commission legally incurred under contracts, leases and business
8 transactions executed, entered into or begun before the operative date
9 of section 1 of this 2025 Act accruing under or with respect to the du-
10 ties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2025 Act are
11 transferred to the Department of Education. For the purpose of suc-
12 cession to these rights and obligations, the Department of Education
13 is a continuation of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
14 and not a new authority.

15 “NOTE: Section 83 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were
16 not renumbered.

17 “SECTION 84. Whenever, in any uncodified law or resolution of the
18 Legislative Assembly or in any rule, document, record or proceeding
19 authorized by the Legislative Assembly, in the context of the duties,
20 functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2025 Act, refer-
21 ence is made to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, or
22 a commissioner or employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices
23 Commission, whose duties, functions or powers are transferred by
24 section 1 of this 2025 Act, the reference is considered to be a reference
25 to the Department of Education or an officer or employee of the De-
26 partment of Education who by this 2025 Act is charged with carrying
27 out the duties, functions and powers.

28 “SECTION 85. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
30 declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

