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Requested by Representative NERON

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 805

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, before the period insert "and 2 342.177".

3 On page 2, after line 41, insert:

4 **"SECTION 3.** ORS 342.177 is amended to read:

"342.177. (1)(a) Hearings under ORS 339.390 and 342.176 shall be conducted
by an administrative law judge assigned from the Office of Administrative
Hearings established under ORS 183.605.

"(b) Any hearing conducted under this section shall be private unless the 8 person against whom the charge is made requests a public hearing. Students 9 attending school in the employing district may not attend any hearing except 10 as witnesses duly subpoenaed to testify with respect to the charges made. 11 12 Students attending a public charter school that employs the person may not attend any hearing except as witnesses duly subpoenaed to testify with re-13 spect to the charges made. The person charged shall have the right to be 14 represented by counsel and to present evidence and argument. The evidence 15must be confined to the charges. 16

"(2) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission or the person charged may have subpoenas issued to compel attendance at the hearing. The person charged may have subpoenas issued by an attorney of record subscribed by the signature of the attorney or by the executive director of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Witnesses appearing pursuant to subpoena, other than the parties or officers or employees of the commission, shall receive fees and mileage as prescribed by law for witnesses in
ORS 44.415 (2). The commission or the person charged shall have the right
to compel the attendance and obedience of witnesses in the same manner as
provided under ORS 183.440 (2).

6 "(3) [The commission shall render its decision at its next regular meeting 7 following the hearing.] If the decision of the commission is that the charge 8 described in ORS 342.175 (1) has been proven, the commission may take any 9 or all of the following disciplinary action against the person charged:

10 "(a) Issue a public reprimand.

11 "(b) Place the person on probation for a period not to exceed four years 12 and subject to such conditions as the commission considers necessary.

"(c) Suspend the license or registration of the teacher or administratorfor a period not to exceed one year.

¹⁵ "(d) Revoke the license or registration of the teacher or administrator.

¹⁶ "(e) Revoke the right to apply for a license or registration.

"(f) Impose a civil penalty pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.
"(4) If the decision of the commission is that the charge is not proven, the
commission shall order the charges dismissed.

20 "(5) The commission shall notify in writing the person charged and the 21 employing district or public charter school of the decision.

"(6)(a) The commission shall adopt rules establishing the monetary
amount of a civil penalty that may be imposed under this section. The
maximum monetary amount of a civil penalty for a single violation
may not exceed \$1,000.

"(b) All moneys recovered from imposition of civil penalties under
 this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of
 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission Account.

"(c) The commission may adopt rules necessary for the adminis tration and enforcement of this subsection.

"SECTION 4. The amendments to ORS 342.177 by section 3 of this
 2025 Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the operative date
 specified in section 5 of this 2025 Act.

4 "<u>SECTION 5.</u> (1) The amendments to ORS 342.177 by section 3 of this
5 2025 Act become operative on July 1, 2026.

6 "(2) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may take 7 any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this 8 section that is necessary for the commission to exercise, on and after 9 the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the 10 duties, functions and powers conferred on the commission by the 11 amendments to ORS 342.177 by section 3 of this 2025 Act.".

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