



SB 802 Presentation to Senate Education Committee

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Senate Bill 802

What the Bill Does



• Current law and rule allows applicants to begin working in a school district for 90 days while TSPC processes the application. The current effective dates begins at the time of application.

• Amends ORS 342.125(2) to start the 90-day period where an educator may begin working upon clearance of the background check.

Why Change is Needed



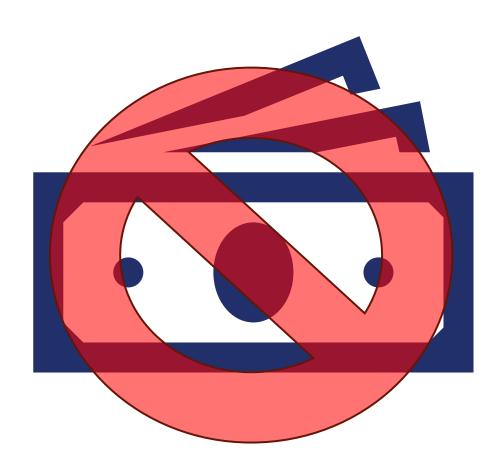
Student safety

• Currently districts are allowed to start an employee in the classroom prior to a TSPC background check.

 Applicant may have disciplinary or criminal history which should be reviewed further or may lead to denial of licensing.

NO COST to INCREASE STUDENT SAFETY







Questions?



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