

# Chapter 345

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**PRIVATE VOCATIONAL  
SCHOOLS  
(Definitions)**

**345.010 Definitions for ORS 345.010 to 345.370.** As used in ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997:

(1) "Agent" means any person owning an interest in, employed by or representing for remuneration a vocational school within or outside this state who, by solicitation in any form in this state enrolls or seeks to enroll for remuneration a resident of this state for instruction or training offered by the vocational school, or offers to award educational credentials on behalf of the vocational school, or who holds himself out to residents of this state as representing a vocational school for any purpose stated in this subsection.

(2) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(3) "Superintendent" means Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(4) "Vocational school" means any private proprietary vocational, technical, home study, correspondence, business, professional or other school instruction, organization or person that offers any instruction or training for the purpose or purported purpose of instructing, training or preparing persons for any vocation or profession.

[Amended by 1957 c.279 s.1, 1961 c.268 s.1; 1965 c.529 s.12; 1973 c.239 s.1; 1975 c.478 s.1]

**(Licensing)**

**345.015 Application of ORS 345.010 to 345.370.** ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 do not apply to:

(1) Instruction or training solely avocational or recreational in nature or to institutions offering such education exclusively.

(2) Any vocational school otherwise regulated and licensed under any other law of this state.

(3) Any parochial or denominational institution unless it grants or confers degrees, diplomas or other certificates evidencing completion of instruction or training if the degree, diploma or certificate is not issued in compliance with ORS 351.710 to 351.760.

(4) Any summer high school conducted under district school board regulations and which offers courses in regular high school

work or credit toward a high school diploma.

(5) Instruction or training sponsored or offered by a bona fide trade, business, professional or fraternal organization or by a business solely for the organization's membership, or the business' employes, or offered on a no-fee basis.

(6) Instruction or training sponsored, offered or contracted by organizations, institutions or agencies, which are nonprofit in nature, if the instruction or training is advertised or promoted to be in the nature of vocational or professional self-improvement but is not advertised or promoted as leading to or fulfilling the requirements for licensing, certification, accreditation or education credentials.

[Amended by 1961 c.268 s.2, 1965 c.529 s.13, 1975 c.478 s.3]

**345.020 Duty and powers of Superintendent of Public Instruction; interest in vocational schools prohibited.** (1) The superintendent shall administer ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 and shall enforce all laws and rules relating to the licensing of vocational schools and agents. Subject to and under the provisions of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997, he shall have full power to regulate and control the issuance, denial, suspension and revocation of licenses issuable pursuant thereto and to perform all other acts and duties required by or provided in ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 and necessary to their enforcement. He may enforce reasonable rules established by the board which are necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997.

(2) Neither the superintendent, nor any of his assistants, nor deputies or employes of the Department of Education shall have a financial interest in any vocational school, or act as an agent or employe thereof.

[Amended by 1955 c.527 s.1, 1961 c.268 s.3, 1975 c.478 s.4]

**345.030 Vocational schools, salesmen and agents to be licensed.** (1) No person shall open, conduct or do business as a vocational school in this state without obtaining a license to do so under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997.

(2) No person shall act in this state as an agent for a vocational school domiciled within or outside this state, unless he has

obtained a license to do so under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997.

(3) No person shall act as an agent for a vocational school unless and until the vocational school has either obtained a license under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 to do business in this state if such is required by subsection (1) of this section or the agent has supplied information satisfactory to the superintendent that the school meets minimum standards established under ORS 345.325.

[Amended by 1961 c.268 s.4; paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) formerly 345.050; 1975 c.478 s 5]

**345.040 Requirements for issuance of licenses.** (1) Licenses to conduct vocational schools shall be granted only after proof satisfactory to the superintendent or his representative has been presented that the applicant complies with applicable standards adopted under ORS 345.325. No vocational school shall be licensed in this state if any individual who holds a position of authority or control in the operation of the vocational school has been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. However, a license shall not be denied because a faculty member has been convicted of a crime except where such faculty member also holds a position of authority or control in the operation of the school, or where such faculty member has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving the illegal use, sale, or possession of narcotics, or involving any sexual offense.

(2) An agent's license shall be granted only to a person who has attained the age of 18 years, is of good moral character and is otherwise competent and qualified to act as such in such manner as to safeguard and protect the interests of the public.

(3) The superintendent may license any vocational school licensed in any other state or accredited by a nationally recognized regional or professional accrediting agency listed by the U.S. Office of Education without requiring specific proof of compliance with standards adopted under ORS 345.325 if he makes a finding to be published in the minutes of the board that the standards for licensing or accreditation are substantially similar to those adopted for this state.

[Amended by 1961 c.268 s.5; 1973 c.827 s.34; 1975 c.478 s.6]

345.050 [Amended by 1961 c.268 s.6; renumbered as part of 345.030]

**345.060 Nonresident applicant's appointment of superintendent as agent for service of process; service of process.** (1) Every applicant for a license to act as agent for a vocational school not domiciled in this state shall be held to have appointed the superintendent such applicant's agent to accept service of all summonses, pleadings, writs and processes in all actions, suits or proceedings brought against such applicant in this state. Such service upon the superintendent shall be taken and held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if personal service thereof had been made upon such applicant within this state. Any application for an agent's license by a corporation shall be accompanied by a duly certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors or other managing board of such applicant authorizing such appointment.

(2) When any summons, pleading, writ or process is served on the superintendent, service shall be by duplicate copies. One of the duplicates shall be filed in the office of the superintendent and the other immediately forwarded by certified mail to the applicant thereby affected or therein named, at the applicant's last-known post-office address. If service is of a summons, the plaintiff therein shall also cause the applicant to be served therewith by publication or in the manner provided by ORS 15.110.

[Amended by 1961 c 268 s.7; 1975 c.478 s.7]

**345.070 Annual issuance of license; carrying or displaying license.** A license shall be issued annually to each licensee under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 in the form, size and appropriate context as shall be prescribed by the superintendent. Each agent shall carry with him at all times while engaged as such, the license so issued to him, and each vocational school shall display its license in a prominent place.

[Amended by 1961 c.268 s.8; 1975 c.478 s.8]

**345.080 License fees; disposition of fees.** (1) Before issuing any licenses under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997, the superintendent shall collect the following nonrefundable annual license fees:

Purpose	Annual License Fee
Vocational School	\$ 100
Agent for vocational school	\$ 25

(2) All fees so collected shall be paid into the General Fund in the State Treasury. [Amended by 1955 c.527 s.2, 1961 c.268 s.9, 1975 c.478 s.9]

**345.090** [Amended by 1961 c.268 s.10; repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29]

**345.100 Bonds.** (1) No vocational school shall be issued a license or have its license renewed until the applicant:

(a) Furnishes the office of the superintendent financial statements by a public accountant showing a capital structure that is adequate to fulfill the commitments of the school to students for instruction and training in the license year; and

(b) Files with the office of the superintendent a bond in the penal sum of \$2,500 and running to the State of Oregon. The bond shall be executed by two good and sufficient personal sureties to be approved by the superintendent, or by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state, approved as to form and substance by the superintendent, and conditioned that the applicant shall fulfill and perform all its contracts with its students, enrollees or subscribers and conduct its business in accordance with the requirements of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 and all rules promulgated thereunder.

(2) Every application for an agent's license shall be accompanied by a bond running to the State of Oregon. It shall be executed by two good and sufficient personal sureties to be approved by the superintendent, or by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state, approved as to form and substance by the superintendent, and conditioned that the applicant shall perform his duties and conduct his business in accordance with the requirements of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 and all rules promulgated thereunder, and further, that any person, including his employer, may sue and recover on such bond of such agent for any loss or damage sustained, resulting from any defalcation or fraud of such agent.

(a) For an agent representing a vocational school domiciled in Oregon, the bond shall be in the amount of \$1,000.

(b) For an agent representing a vocational school domiciled outside the State of Oregon, the bond shall be in the amount of \$2,500.

[Amended by 1961 c.268 s.11; 1975 c.478 s.10]

**345.110 Filing bond; suing on bond; attorney fee.** Every bond given under ORS 345.100, after approval thereof, shall be filed and held in the office of the superintendent. Any person injured in or by any of the manners, means or respects referred to in ORS 345.100, by any vocational school or agent thereof, shall have the right in his own name to commence action against the vocational school or agent, or both, and such sureties, for the recovery of any damages sustained by him by reason of any such injury. In any such action, the court shall, upon entering judgment for the plaintiff, allow such additional sum as it may adjudge reasonable as attorney fees therein.

[Amended by 1975 c.478 s.11]

**345.113 Contract for student loan generally not negotiable.** (1) In any contract for the provision of instruction or training or other services by a vocational school on credit entered into between a vocational school and a student, or between a lending institution which regularly loans money to students of a particular vocational school and a prospective student of that vocational school, such contract, note or any instrument or evidence of indebtedness of the student shall have printed on the face thereof the words "Student Loan." Such contract, note, instrument or evidence of indebtedness with the words "Student Loan" printed thereon shall not be a negotiable instrument within the meaning of ORS chapter 73. However, this section shall have no force or effect on the negotiability of any contract, promissory note, instrument or other evidence of indebtedness owned or guaranteed or insured by any state or federal governmental agency even though the contract, note, instrument or other evidence of indebtedness contains the wording required by this subsection.

(2) Notwithstanding the absence of such notice on a contract, note, instrument or evidence of indebtedness arising out of a contract for the provision of training or instruction or other services by a vocational school, an assignee of the rights of the vocational school or lending institution as described in subsection (1) of this section is subject to all claims and defenses of the student against the vocational school or lending institution arising out of the contract for provision of vocational instruction or training or other services. Any agreement to the contrary shall be of no force or effect in limiting the rights of a student under this section. The assignee's liability under this section shall not exceed the amount owing to

the assignee at the time the claim or defense is asserted against the assignee. The restrictions imposed by this subsection shall not apply with respect to any promissory note, contract, instrument or other evidence of indebtedness owned or guaranteed or insured by any state or federal governmental agency even though said note, contract, instrument or other evidence of indebtedness shall contain the words required by subsection (1) of this section.

(3) An assignee of a student loan who in good faith enforces a security interest in property held by the student shall not be liable to such student for punitive damages in an action for wrongful repossession. The fact that a vocational school misrepresented the nature of the training or instruction or other services shall not, of itself, make an assignee's repossession wrongful.

[1975 c 478 s.28]

**345.115 Refund schedule as part of tuition contract; effect of failure to comply.** (1) The tuition contract entered into between a person and a vocational school for the purpose of obtaining instruction or training shall contain a schedule for the refund of tuition, deposits and fees when the person does not complete the course or program of instruction or training which was the subject of the contract. No action or suit may be brought by a vocational school or its assigns on a contract that does not contain this refund schedule, but this provision shall not limit the vocational school's right to defend any action or suit brought by any person on a contract which does not contain such a schedule.

(2) The refund schedule required by subsection (1) of this section shall be established by the superintendent in consultation with the advisory committee appointed under ORS 345.330. In establishing the refund schedule, the superintendent shall consider:

(a) The reasonable, obligated and fixed costs of the vocational school, including but not limited to rent, personnel and nonreturnable supplies.

(b) The method of instruction.

(c) The reasonable value of services performed prior to cancellation of the course or program.

(3) The superintendent may establish refund schedules for vocational school courses or programs requiring attendance of students, enrollees or subscribers which are different from those established for vocational school courses or programs in which instruction is offered by correspondence,

when the difference in services performed necessitates separate schedules.

(4) Nothing in this section is intended to prevent a vocational school from requiring an advance deposit of tuition on behalf of the person intending to enroll in a course or program offered by or through the vocational school.

[1965 c 409 s.2; 1967 c.67 s.16; 1975 c.478 s 12]

**345.117 Address of state department as part of contract.** A contract entered into between a vocational school domiciled in this state and a resident of this state shall have printed or stamped upon it: "Any inquiry a student may have regarding this contract may be made in writing to the school (name and address), or to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education, 942 Lancaster Drive N. E., Salem, Oregon 97310, (or its subsequent address)."

[1975 c.478 s.22]

**345.120 Investigations; suspension or revocation of licenses.** (1) The superintendent may, on his own motion, for cause, and shall, on the verified complaint in writing of any person, which alone, or together with evidence presented in connection therewith, in his judgment makes out a prima facie case, investigate the actions of any vocational school or agent, or any person who assumes to act in either such capacity within this state.

(2) The superintendent may suspend or revoke any license issued under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 when the licensee has obtained a license by misrepresentation, or when the licensee, in having done, or having attempted or purported to have done, any of the business licensed, was found after a contested case hearing under ORS chapter 183 to have:

(a) Violated ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.

(b) Entered into a contract which violates ORS 345.115.

(c) Ceased to engage in the business authorized by the license.

(d) Wilfully used or employed any method, act or practice declared unlawful by ORS 646.608.

[Amended by 1965 c.409 s.3; 1975 c.478 s.13]

345.130[Repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29]

345.140[Repealed by 1975 c 478.s.29]

345.150[Amended by 1971 c.734 s.39; repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29]

345.160[Repealed by 1975 c 478 s.29]

345.170[Repealed by 1975 c 478 s.29]

345.180[Repealed by 1975 c.478 s 29]

345.190[Repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29 and by 1975 c.759 s.17]

345.200[Repealed by 1975 c 478 s.29 and by 1975 c.759 s.17]

**345.210 Suit by vocational school; allegation and proof of license.** (1) No vocational school shall bring or maintain any suit or action in any court in or of this state for a cause of suit or action arising out of the doing of business by it as such in this state, without alleging and proving that it had complied with the applicable licensing provisions of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 at the time such cause of suit or action arose.

(2) A vocational school bringing or maintaining suit or action under subsection (1) of this section must allege and prove that the business out of which the cause of suit or action arises was done through a licensed agent if the school's agents are required to be licensed under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997.

[Amended by 1975 c.478 s.14]

345.220[Amended by 1961 c.268 s.12; 1965 c.529 s.14; repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29]

**345.230 Jurisdiction of courts; remedies are additional.** The remedies provided in ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any other remedies provided by law.

[Amended by 1975 c.478 s.15; 1975 c.759 s 17a]

**345.240 Discrimination prohibited.**

(1) No vocational, professional or trade school licensed under the provisions of any law of the State of Oregon shall refuse admission to or discriminate in admission against or discriminate in giving instruction to any person otherwise qualified, on the ground of such person's race, color, sex, marital status, religion or national origin.

(2) As used in this section and ORS 345.250, "license" includes a permit, certification of registration or any other form of approval required in order for a vocational, professional or trade school to operate.

[Amended by 1957 c.724 s.11; 1973 c.714 s.4]

**345.250 Action upon violation of ORS 345.240.** The appropriate state agency charged with the licensing of any vocational,

professional or trade school may suspend or revoke the license of the school upon submission to it of proof that the school has violated ORS 345.240. A certified copy of a finding by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor under ORS 659.060 that the school has violated ORS 345.240 may be deemed adequate proof of a violation of ORS 345.240. Before an order of suspension or revocation is made, notice of complaint shall be given and a hearing held in substantially the same manner as the manner of suspension or revocation of the license for any other reason. An appeal may be taken from the order of suspension or revocation in substantially the same manner as an appeal from any other order of suspension or revocation of the license by the agency.

[Amended by 1957 c.724 s.12]

**(Standards)**

345.310[1965 c.529 s 2; repealed by 1975 c 478 s.29]

**345.320 Purpose.** (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that vocational schools are capable of increasing the educational opportunities available in this state or to residents of this state and of making a contribution to the social and economic progress of the people of this state. Vocational schools offer different approaches to education than do public schools and are often able to provide vocational and placement assistance not otherwise available.

(2) It is the purpose of ORS 341.455, 345.010 to 345.230, 345.320 to 345.370 and 345.990 to 345.997 to provide for the protection, education and welfare of the citizens of this state, its vocational schools and its students, by establishing minimum standards concerning quality of education, ethical and business practices, health and safety and fiscal responsibility, and protecting against substandard, transient, unethical, deceptive or fraudulent practices.

[1965 c.529 s.3; 1975 c.478 s.2]

**345.325 Minimum standards required; content.** (1) The board shall adopt by rule minimum standards for the licensing of vocational schools under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997.

(2) In establishing the standards required by subsection (1) of this section, the board shall adopt rules reasonably calculated to assure:

(a) That the quality and content of each course or program of instruction, training or

study are such as may reasonably and adequately achieve the stated objective for which the course or program is offered.

(b) That the vocational school has adequate space, equipment, instructional materials and personnel to provide instruction and training of good quality.

(c) That the education and experience of directors, administrators, supervisors and instructors are such as may reasonably insure that the students will receive instruction and training consistent with the objectives of the course or program of study.

(d) That the vocational school provides students and other interested persons with a catalog or brochure containing information describing the courses and programs offered, course and program objectives, length of courses and programs, schedule of tuition, fees and all other charges and expenses necessary for completion of the course or program, cancellation and refund policies, and such other material facts concerning the vocational school and the course or program of instruction and training as are reasonably likely to affect the decision of the student to enroll therein, together with any other disclosures specified by the superintendent or defined in the rules; and that such information is provided to prospective students prior to enrollment.

(e) That upon satisfactory completion of instruction and training, the student is given appropriate educational credentials by the vocational school, indicating that the course or program or courses or programs of instruction and training have been satisfactorily completed by the student.

(f) That adequate records are maintained by the vocational school to show attendance, progress or grades; that copies of these records are available to the student upon his request; that satisfactory standards are enforced relating to attendance, progress and performance and that adequate provision is made for the continuing maintenance of records if the school were to cease operation.

(g) That the vocational school is maintained and operated in compliance with all pertinent ordinances and laws, including rules adopted pursuant thereto, relative to the safety and health of all persons upon the premises.

(h) That the vocational school is financially sound and capable of fulfilling its commitments to students, as provided in ORS 345.100.

(i) That neither the vocational school nor its agents engage in advertising, sales, collection, credit or other practices of any

type which are declared unlawful by ORS 646.608.

(j) That the directors, administrators, supervisors and instructors are of good reputation and character, except that a license shall not be denied, suspended or revoked because a faculty member has been convicted of a crime other than a felony or misdemeanor involving the illegal use, sale, or possession of narcotics, or involving any sexual offense.

(k) That the student housing owned, maintained or approved by the vocational school, if any, is appropriate, safe and adequate.

[1975 c.478 s.21]

**345.330 Advisory committee; function.** (1) The superintendent shall appoint a representative advisory committee consisting of 11 members who shall serve for a term of four years ending June 30. Of the membership of the committee:

(a) Seven members shall be persons affiliated with vocational schools as owners, directors, administrators, instructors or representatives thereof, but not more than one member shall be representative of an out-of-state vocational school.

(b) Four members shall be persons who are not eligible under paragraph (a) of this subsection. At least two of these members shall be persons who either are enrolled or have been enrolled within the preceding three years in a vocational school domiciled in this state.

(2) The advisory committee appointed under subsection (1) of this section shall:

(a) Make recommendations to the superintendent and board concerning the need for vocational and technical instructional and training facilities, the types of instruction and training needed and by whom these can best be provided.

(b) Recommend standards for vocational schools as provided in ORS 345.325 which are consistent with the purposes of such schools.

(c) Investigate and present findings to the board on the administration and operation of laws relating to vocational schools. However, the investigations and findings of the advisory committee do not affect the authority of the superintendent to issue, deny, suspend or revoke the license of any vocational school.

(d) Consult with the superintendent in determining the refund schedule under ORS 345.115.

(3) Members of the advisory committee are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495 from funds appropriated to the board for purposes of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997.

[1965 c.529 s.4; 1967 c.67 s.17; 1975 c.478 s.16]

**345.340 Recommended minimum standards.** Consistent with the requirements of ORS 345.325, the advisory committee shall recommend to the board minimum standards for the operation of vocational schools. In making its recommendations, the committee shall consider changes in technological, economic and social conditions which affect employment needs, opportunities and skills.

[1965 c.529 s.5; 1975 c.478 s.18]

**345.350** [1965 c.529 ss.6, 10; repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29]

**345.360**[1965 c.529 s.7; repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29]

**345.370 Recommendations on standards for courses to be given credit at community colleges.** The advisory committee appointed under ORS 345.330 may recommend to the board and the superintendent standards for vocational school courses which may be recognized for credit by community colleges. The recommendation may be revised periodically.

[1965 c.529 s.8; 1975 c.478 s.19]

**345.380**[1965 c.529 s.11; repealed by 1975 c.478 s.29]

## PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### (Definitions)

**345.505 Definitions for ORS 345.505 to 345.585.** As used in ORS 336.215, 345.505 to 345.585 and subsection (2) of 345.990 unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Educational services" means instructional programs but does not include programs limited solely to dancing, drama, music, religious or athletic instruction.

(2) "Private school" means private elementary or secondary school operated by a person or by a private agency except as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (6) of ORS 339.030.

[1975 c.557 s.1]

### (Registration)

**345.515 Registration with department.** A school may be registered as a private school with the Department of Education in the manner provided in ORS 336.215, 345.505 to 345.585.

[1975 c.557 s.2]

**345.525 Application for registration; qualifications.** (1) The owner or operator of a private school, or the superintendent or principal thereof may apply to the Department of Education for registration of the school by submitting an application therefor on a form provided by the department.

(2) In order to become registered, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the State Board of Education that:

(a) The teachers in the applicant schools are possessed of those qualifications necessary to establish the applicant's fitness as a teacher, but such qualifications shall not include the requirement that teachers be certificated.

(b) The applicant and the school employes are qualified by education and experience to provide instruction at the grade level or in the program to which they are assigned.

(c) The facility at which the school is located and the operation thereof are adequate to protect the health and safety of the children enrolled therein, including but not limited to fire protection and sanitation.

(d) The curriculum in grades kindergarten or 1 through 12 shall be such that it will consider the goals of modern education and the requirements of a sound, comprehensive curriculum with particular emphasis on establishment of the highest practical standards, and in secondary schools establishment of academic standards necessary to attend community colleges and institutions of higher education both within and without the State of Oregon. Courses shall be taught for a period of time equivalent to that required for children attending public schools.

[1975 c.557 s.3]

**345.535 Criteria for registration.** (1) In adopting criteria for the registration of private schools, the State Board of Education shall take into consideration the unique qualities of private education while seeking to further the educational opportunities of students enrolled in such schools.

(2) After consultation with the advisory committee appointed under ORS 345.575, the

State Board of Education shall establish minimum criteria for the registration of private schools.

(3) In establishing standards, the State Board of Education shall comply with the rules of the State Fire Marshal and the Health Division relating to fire protection, health and sanitation.

[1975 c.557 s.4]

**345.545 Evaluation and registration; expiration; renewal; lapse; notice on refusal to register school.** (1) Upon receipt of an application for registration, the Department of Education shall evaluate the private school and shall register the school if it finds that the school is in compliance with the requirements of ORS 345.525 and 345.535 and the rules adopted pursuant thereto. The registration expires June 30 next following its issuance. If the department refuses to register the school, it shall notify the applicant and give its reasons for the refusal.

(2) Registration under ORS 345.505 to 345.575 is renewable annually on or before July 1. Registration not renewed before July 1 shall be considered lapsed and may only be renewed in the manner required for initial registration.

[1975 c.557 s.5]

**345.555 Procedure for refusal to register or suspension or revocation of renewal.** (1) A registration issued under ORS 345.545 may be suspended or revoked or renewal thereof denied if the Department of Education finds:

(a) The private school fails to comply with the requirements of ORS 345.525 and 345.535 and the rules adopted pursuant thereto.

(b) A false statement is made in the application for the registration or any information or report required under ORS 345.505 to 345.575 or such information or report is not furnished when required.

(2) The procedures for suspension or revocation or for refusal to issue or renew a registration under ORS 345.505 to 345.575 shall be considered a contested case within the meaning of ORS chapter 183 and the procedures applicable thereto shall apply to registrations under ORS 345.505 to 345.575.

[1975 c.557 s.6]

**345.565 Reports to department.** Every registrant shall furnish promptly such reports and information as the State Board of Education by rule requires.

[1975 c.557 s.7]

### (Advisory Committee)

**345.575 Advisory committee; members; duties.** (1) An advisory committee of seven members is established, to be appointed by the State Board of Education, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Six members shall be selected from nominees of organizations of private schools and other segments of private education. One additional member shall be a lay person who is not associated with a private school. Members shall serve for a term of four years. No member is eligible to serve more than two terms consecutively.

(2) Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation for their service.

(3) The advisory committee shall advise the board on minimum criteria for private schools and on matters pertaining to the administration of ORS 345.505 to 345.575.

[1975 c.557 s.8]

### (Miscellaneous)

**345.585 Effect of teaching experience in private school.** Teaching experience in a registered private or nonpublic school shall apply to meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of ORS 342.135.

[1975 c.557 s.12]

### PENALTIES

**345.990 Criminal penalties.** (1) Violation of any provision of ORS 345.020, 345.030, 345.070, 345.115 or 345.325 is a Class B misdemeanor.

(2) Representation by a private school that it is registered pursuant to ORS 336.215 and 345.505 to 345.585 when it is not registered is a Class C misdemeanor.

[Amended by 1975 c.478 s.26; subsection (2) enacted as 1975 c.557 s.9]

**345.992 Civil penalties.** (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates any provision of ORS 345.020, 345.030, 345.070, 345.115 or ORS 345.117, or who engages in an unlawful trade practice as defined by ORS 646.608 shall incur a civil penalty for each violation in the amount prescribed by the schedule adopted under ORS 345.995.

(2) The civil penalty shall be imposed only after reasonable notice and a hearing. The hearing shall be conducted by the

superintendent pursuant to ORS 183.415 to 183.500, as for a contested case.  
[1975 c.478 s.23]

**345.995 Establishment of schedule of civil penalties; imposition of such penalties.** (1) After consultation with the advisory committee established under ORS 345.330, the board shall adopt by rule a schedule or schedules establishing the amount of civil penalty that may be imposed for a particular violation of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997. No civil penalty shall exceed \$500 per violation. The board shall consult with the Attorney General before adopting the schedule of penalties for violations of paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of ORS 345.120.

(2) In imposing a penalty under ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 pursuant to the schedule or schedules authorized by this section, the superintendent shall consider the following factors:

(a) The past history of the person incurring a penalty in taking all feasible steps or procedures necessary or appropriate to correct any violation.

(b) Any prior violations of ORS 345.010 to 345.370, subsection (1) of 345.990 and ORS 345.992 to 345.997 or rules adopted pursuant thereto.

(c) The economic and financial conditions of the person incurring a penalty.

(3) The penalty imposed under this section may be remitted or mitigated upon such terms and conditions as the superintendent considers proper and consistent with the public welfare.

(4) The superintendent may impose penalties which may be remitted or mitigated on condition that a particular violation not continue or occur after a certain period not to exceed 15 days.

[1975 c.478 s.24]

**345.997 Effect of order imposing civil penalty.** (1) Unless, within 60 days after the order issued by the superintendent under ORS 183.470 is served, the amount of the penalty imposed under ORS 345.992 is paid or notice of appeal is given under ORS 183.480, the order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed in accordance with the provisions of ORS 18.320 to 18.370. Execution may be issued upon the order in the same manner as execution upon a judgment of a court of record.

(2) All penalties recovered under ORS 345.992 shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund.

[1975 c.478 s.25]

#### CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Thomas G. Clifford, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law.

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