
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5537

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Pelz, Rasmussen, Kohl and Wojahn; by request of Board of Education)

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1 AN ACT Relating to teacher preparation; amending RCW 28A.305.130;
2 and repealing RCW 28A.305.230, 28A.305.240, 28A.305.245, 28A.305.250,
3 28A.410.020, 28A.415.290, and 28B.40.380.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.305.130 and 1991 c 116 s 11 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the
8 state board of education shall:

9 (1) Require that no person may be admitted to a professional
10 teacher preparation program within Washington state without first
11 demonstrating that he or she is competent in the basic skills required
12 for oral and written communication and computation. The board shall
13 adopt rules to implement this requirement, including criteria for
14 providing waivers as necessary.

15 (2) Approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to
16 teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel
17 certification offered by all institutions of higher education within
18 the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become
19 entitled to receive such certification.

1 (~~(2)~~) (3) Conduct every five years a review of the program
2 approval standards, including the minimum standards for teachers,
3 administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research
4 findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for
5 teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.

6 (~~(3)~~) (4) Investigate the character of the work required to be
7 performed as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any
8 institution of higher education in this state relative to such
9 certification as provided for in subsection (~~(1) above~~) (2) of this
10 section, and prepare a list of accredited institutions of higher
11 education of this and other states whose graduates may be awarded such
12 certificates.

13 (~~(4)~~) (5)(a) The state board of education shall adopt rules to
14 allow a teacher certification candidate to fulfill, in part, teacher
15 preparation program requirements through work experience as a
16 noncertificated teacher's aide in a public school or private school
17 meeting the requirements of RCW 28A.195.010. The rules shall include,
18 but are not limited to, limitations based upon the recency of the
19 teacher preparation candidate's teacher aide work experience, and
20 limitations based on the amount of work experience that may apply
21 toward teacher preparation program requirements under this chapter.

22 (b) The state board of education shall require that at the time of
23 the individual's enrollment in a teacher preparation program, the
24 supervising teacher and the building principal shall jointly provide to
25 the teacher preparation program of the higher education institution at
26 which the teacher candidate is enrolled, a written assessment of the
27 performance of the teacher candidate. The assessment shall contain
28 such information as determined by the state board of education and
29 shall include: Evidence that at least fifty percent of the candidate's
30 work as a noncertificated teacher's aide was involved in instructional
31 activities with children under the supervision of a certificated
32 teacher and that the candidate worked a minimum of six hundred thirty
33 hours for one school year; the type of work performed by the candidate;
34 and a recommendation of whether the candidate's work experience as a
35 noncertificated teacher's aide should be substituted for teacher
36 preparation program requirements. In compliance with such rules as may
37 be established by the state board of education under this section, the
38 teacher preparation programs of the higher education institution where
39 the candidate is enrolled shall make the final determination as to what

1 teacher preparation program requirements may be fulfilled by teacher
2 aide work experience.

3 ~~((+5))~~ (6) Supervise the issuance of such certificates as provided
4 for in subsection ~~((+1) above)~~ (2) of this section and specify the
5 types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments
6 of the common schools by rule or regulation in accordance with RCW
7 28A.410.010.

8 ~~((+6))~~ (7) Accredite, subject to such accreditation standards and
9 procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all
10 schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to the
11 provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a program
12 for any or all of the grades one through twelve: PROVIDED, That no
13 public or private schools shall be placed upon the list of accredited
14 schools so long as secret societies are knowingly allowed to exist
15 among its students by school officials: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the
16 state board may elect to require all or certain classifications of the
17 public schools to conduct and participate in such pre-accreditation
18 examination and evaluation processes as may now or hereafter be
19 established by the board.

20 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Make rules ~~((and regulations))~~ governing the
21 establishment in any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary
22 program or any new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any
23 such program or any new grades are established the district must obtain
24 prior approval of the state board.

25 ~~((+8))~~ (9) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as
26 the board shall deem necessary, and prescribe such rules for the
27 general government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure
28 regularity of attendance, prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and
29 promote the true interest of the common schools.

30 ~~((+9))~~ (10) Continuously reevaluate courses and adopt and enforce
31 regulations within the common schools so as to meet the educational
32 needs of students and articulate with the institutions of higher
33 education and unify the work of the public school system.

34 ~~((+10))~~ (11) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the
35 organization and reorganization of school districts under RCW
36 28A.315.010 through 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900.

37 ~~((+11))~~ (12) By rule ~~((or regulation promulgated))~~ adopted upon
38 the advice of the director of community, trade, and economic
39 development, through the director of fire protection, provide for

1 instruction of pupils in the public and private schools carrying out a
2 K through 12 program, or any part thereof, so that in case of sudden
3 emergency they shall be able to leave their particular school building
4 in the shortest possible time or take such other steps as the
5 particular emergency demands, and without confusion or panic; such
6 rules ((and regulations)) shall be published and distributed to
7 certificated personnel throughout the state whose duties shall include
8 a familiarization therewith as well as the means of implementation
9 thereof at their particular school.

10 ((+12+)) (13) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law.

11 The state board of education is given the authority to promulgate
12 information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for
13 purposes of curriculum use in the common schools.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
15 repealed:

16 (1) RCW 28A.305.230 and 1985 c 419 s 1;

17 (2) RCW 28A.305.240 and 1990 c 33 s 268 & 1987 c 525 s 217;

18 (3) RCW 28A.305.245 and 1991 c 259 s 3;

19 (4) RCW 28A.305.250 and 1990 c 33 s 269, 1989 c 11 s 4, & 1987 c
20 525 s 226;

21 (5) RCW 28A.410.020 and 1991 c 116 s 20, 1988 c 251 s 4, & 1987 c
22 525 s 202;

23 (6) RCW 28A.415.290 and 1993 c 336 s 406; and

24 (7) RCW 28B.40.380 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 80, 1975 1st ex.s. c 275
25 s 147, 1969 ex.s. c 176 s 155, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.40.380.

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