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1 AN ACT Relating to the master's degree requirement for teachers;
2 amending RCW 28A.410.040 and 28A.410.050; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The state board of education shall study
5 the current requirements for the certification of teachers and
6 administrators, and shall prepare a report to the legislature that
7 includes options for improving the current certification system. The
8 report, at a minimum, shall analyze postinitial certificate
9 requirements, including the continuing education, endorsement, and the
10 fifth-year requirements, and shall analyze the merits of requiring
11 teachers and administrators to develop personal education plans after
12 they have obtained their initial certificates. The report shall be
13 submitted to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives
14 and senate by December 1, 1992.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.410.040 and 1990 c 33 s 406 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The state board of education shall adopt rules providing that,
4 except as provided in this section, all individuals qualifying for an
5 initial-level teaching certificate after August 31, 1992, shall possess
6 a baccalaureate degree in the arts, sciences, and/or humanities and
7 have fulfilled the requirements for teacher certification pursuant to
8 RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). ~~((The state board of education shall
9 develop and adopt rules establishing baccalaureate degree equivalency
10 standards for certification of vocational instructors performing
11 instructional duties and acquiring initial level certification after
12 August 31, 1992.))~~ However, candidates for grades preschool through
13 eight certificates shall have fulfilled the requirements for a major as
14 part of their baccalaureate degree. If the major is in early childhood
15 education, elementary education, or special education, the candidate
16 must have at least thirty quarter hours or twenty semester hours in one
17 academic field.

18 (2) ~~((The state board of education shall study the impact of
19 eliminating the major in education under subsection (1) of this section
20 and submit a report to the legislature by January 15, 1990. The report
21 shall include a recommendation on whether the major in education under
22 subsection (1) of this section should be eliminated.~~

23 ~~(3))~~ The initial certificate shall be valid for ~~((two years.~~

24 ~~(4) Certificate holders may renew the certificate for a three year
25 period by providing proof of acceptance and enrollment in an approved
26 masters degree program. A second renewal, for a period of two years,
27 may be granted upon recommendation of the degree granting institution
28 and if the certificate holder can demonstrate substantial progress
29 toward the completion of the masters degree and that the degree will be
30 completed within the two year extension period. Under no circumstances~~

1 ~~may an initial certificate be valid for~~) a period of no more than
2 seven years. The initial certificate may be reinstated pursuant to
3 state board of education rules.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.410.050 and 1989 c 29 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((1) The state board of education shall implement rules providing~~
7 ~~that all teachers performing instructional duties and acquiring~~
8 ~~professional level certificate status after August 31, 1992, shall~~
9 ~~possess, as a requirement of professional status, a masters degree in~~
10 ~~teaching, or a masters degree in the arts, sciences, and/or humanities.~~

11 ~~(2))~~ The state board of education shall develop and adopt rules
12 establishing baccalaureate and masters degree equivalency standards for
13 vocational instructors performing instructional duties and acquiring
14 ~~((professional level))~~ certification after August 31, 1992.