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By Representatives Donaghy, Stonier, Santos, Simmons, Riccelli, Wicks, Ormsby, and Kloba

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1 AN ACT Relating to the provision of the paraeducator fundamental  
2 course of study; and amending RCW 28A.413.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.413.060 and 2019 c 268 s 3 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) School districts must implement this section only in school  
7 years for which state funding is appropriated specifically for the  
8 purposes of this section and only for the number of days that are  
9 funded by the appropriation.

10 (2) School districts must provide a four-day fundamental course  
11 of study on the state standards of practice, as defined by the board,  
12 to paraeducators who have not completed the course, either in the  
13 district or in another district within the state. (~~At least one day~~  
14 ~~of the fundamental course of study must be provided in person.~~)  
15 School districts must use best efforts to provide the fundamental  
16 course of study before the paraeducator begins to work with students  
17 and their families, and at a minimum by the following deadlines  
18 (~~provided in subsection (3) of this section~~): The first day of the  
19 fundamental course of study must be provided to the paraeducator  
20 within 30 days of the date of hire and the remainder of the  
21 fundamental course of study must be provided within six months of the

1 date of hire. The fundamental course of study must be provided in  
2 person, except that up to two days of the fundamental course of study  
3 may be provided as synchronous online instruction.

4 ~~(3) ((Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, school~~  
5 ~~districts must provide the fundamental course of study required in~~  
6 ~~subsection (2) of this section by the deadlines provided in (a) of~~  
7 ~~this subsection:~~

8 ~~(a) (i) For paraeducators hired on or before September 1st, the~~  
9 ~~first two days of the fundamental course of study must be provided by~~  
10 ~~September 30th of that year and the second two days of the~~  
11 ~~fundamental course of study must be provided within six months of the~~  
12 ~~date of hire, regardless of the size of the district; and~~

13 ~~(ii) For paraeducators hired after September 1st:~~

14 ~~(A) For districts with ten thousand or more students, the first~~  
15 ~~two days of the fundamental course of study must be provided within~~  
16 ~~four months of the date of hire and the second two days of the~~  
17 ~~fundamental course of study must be provided within six months of the~~  
18 ~~date of hire or by September 1st of the following year, whichever is~~  
19 ~~sooner; and~~

20 ~~(B) For districts with fewer than ten thousand students, no later~~  
21 ~~than September 1st of the following year.~~

22 ~~(b) (i) For paraeducators hired for the 2018-19 school year, by~~  
23 ~~September 1, 2020; and~~

24 ~~(ii) For paraeducators not hired for the 2018-19 school year, but~~  
25 ~~hired for the 2019-20 school year, by September 1, 2021.~~

26 ~~(4))~~ School districts may collaborate with other school  
27 districts or educational service districts to meet the requirements  
28 of this section.

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