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1 AN ACT Relating to a student teacher assistance program; and adding
2 new sections to chapter 28A.630 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that increased
5 cooperation and coordination between institutions of higher education
6 and school districts is necessary as it relates to the induction of new
7 staff into the profession of teaching. Therefore, the superintendent
8 of public instruction shall adopt rules to establish and operate a
9 student teacher assistance program.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Cooperating teachers shall be jointly
11 selected and appointed by school districts and institutions of higher
12 education, and shall hold a continuing or professional certificate.
13 Districts and institutions of higher education shall seek advice from

1 teachers, administrators, and faculty in the selection of persons to be
2 cooperating teachers.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** All student teacher interns from a
4 regionally accredited institution of higher education whose
5 professional education preparation program has been approved by the
6 state board of education shall, subject to the rules adopted by the
7 superintendent of public instruction, be provided a cooperating teacher
8 for up to two quarters. The cooperating teacher shall provide a source
9 of continuing and sustained assistance, and training and support, both
10 in and out of the classroom. A cooperating teacher shall be involved
11 in evaluations and recommendations to the institutions of higher
12 education respecting the competency of the student teacher intern.
13 Cooperating teachers shall collaborate with their school principals
14 respecting the support, training, and assistance they provide under
15 this program.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Stipends shall be provided for
17 cooperating teachers by the state at the rate of one thousand dollars
18 per quarter, or fraction thereof, biennially adjusted for inflation.
19 These stipends shall be paid through supplemental contracts. The state
20 operating appropriations act shall provide such funds as are necessary
21 for the required number of cooperating teachers to serve all eligible
22 student teacher interns.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The superintendent of public instruction
24 shall, with the assistance of institutions of higher education, provide
25 workshops for training cooperating teachers, subject to appropriations
26 in the state operating appropriations act. Assistance from current and
27 former cooperating and mentor teachers shall also be sought by the

1 superintendent in preparing and providing the training. Periodic
2 consultation by the superintendent shall be made with representatives
3 of educational organizations and associations, including educational
4 service districts, for the purposes of improving communication and
5 cooperation, and program design and review.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The process for selection of cooperating
7 teachers shall be subject to RCW 41.59.090.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are
9 each added to chapter 28A.630 RCW.