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By Representatives Poulsen, Brumsickle and Carlson; by request of Board of Education

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1 AN ACT Relating to including kindergarten in the approval of  
2 private schools; and amending RCW 28A.305.130.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.305.130 and 1995 c 369 s 9 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

8 (1) Approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to  
9 teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel  
10 certification offered by all institutions of higher education within  
11 the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become  
12 entitled to receive such certification.

13 (2) Conduct every five years a review of the program approval  
14 standards, including the minimum standards for teachers,  
15 administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research  
16 findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for  
17 teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.

18 (3) Investigate the character of the work required to be performed  
19 as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any institution of

1 higher education in this state relative to such certification as  
2 provided for in subsection (1) above, and prepare a list of accredited  
3 institutions of higher education of this and other states whose  
4 graduates may be awarded such certificates.

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

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

34 (5) Supervise the issuance of such certificates as provided for in  
35 subsection (1) above and specify the types and kinds of certificates  
36 necessary for the several departments of the common schools by rule or  
37 regulation in accordance with RCW 28A.410.010.

38 (6) Accredite, subject to such accreditation standards and  
39 procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all

1 schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to the  
2 provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a program  
3 for any or all of the grades ((one)) kindergarten through twelve:  
4 PROVIDED, That no private school may be approved that operates a  
5 kindergarten program only: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no public or private  
6 schools shall be placed upon the list of accredited schools so long as  
7 secret societies are knowingly allowed to exist among its students by  
8 school officials: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board may elect to  
9 require all or certain classifications of the public schools to conduct  
10 and participate in such pre-accreditation examination and evaluation  
11 processes as may now or hereafter be established by the board.

12 (7) Make rules and regulations governing the establishment in any  
13 existing nonhigh school district of any secondary program or any new  
14 grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any such program or any  
15 new grades are established the district must obtain prior approval of  
16 the state board.

17 (8) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as the  
18 board shall deem necessary, and prescribe such rules for the general  
19 government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure regularity of  
20 attendance, prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and promote the true  
21 interest of the common schools.

22 (9) Continuously reevaluate courses and adopt and enforce  
23 regulations within the common schools so as to meet the educational  
24 needs of students and articulate with the institutions of higher  
25 education and unify the work of the public school system.

26 (10) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the organization  
27 and reorganization of school districts under RCW 28A.315.010 through  
28 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900.

29 (11) By rule or regulation promulgated upon the advice of the chief  
30 of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire  
31 protection, provide for instruction of pupils in the public and private  
32 schools carrying out a K through 12 program, or any part thereof, so  
33 that in case of sudden emergency they shall be able to leave their  
34 particular school building in the shortest possible time or take such  
35 other steps as the particular emergency demands, and without confusion  
36 or panic; such rules and regulations shall be published and distributed  
37 to certificated personnel throughout the state whose duties shall  
38 include a familiarization therewith as well as the means of  
39 implementation thereof at their particular school.

1           (12) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law.  
2           The state board of education is given the authority to promulgate  
3 information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for  
4 purposes of curriculum use in the common schools.

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