
SENATE BILL 5742

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By Senators Rasmussen, Hochstatter, McAuliffe and Loveland

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1 AN ACT Relating to the recruitment, preparation, and continuing
2 education of vocational agriculture teachers; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.415 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the state of
7 Washington has a rich agricultural history and that agriculture
8 continues to be one of the most basic and important industries of the
9 state. The legislature finds that the growth of this vital industry
10 requires that students continue to receive vocational agriculture
11 instruction from trained and qualified vocational agriculture
12 instructors. The legislature further finds that the number of
13 qualified vocational agriculture educators is declining. The
14 legislature finds that a vocational agriculture teacher recruitment
15 program is necessary to protect the educational and career
16 opportunities for students with interests in vocational agriculture.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.415
18 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The Washington state vocational agriculture teacher recruitment
2 program is established. The program shall be designed by the state
3 board of education, in consultation with the higher education
4 coordinating board, representatives of institutions of higher
5 education, education organizations having an interest in teacher
6 recruitment issues, organizations having an interest in agriculture
7 education, the superintendent of public instruction, the state board
8 for community and technical colleges, and the department of
9 agriculture. The program shall be designed to recruit students who are
10 in grades nine through twelve and adults who have entered other
11 occupations to be future vocational agriculture teachers.

12 (2) The program shall include the following:

13 (a) Encouraging students in grades nine through twelve to acquire
14 the academic and related skills necessary to prepare for the study of
15 vocational agriculture at an institution of higher education;

16 (b) Promoting vocational agriculture teaching career opportunities
17 to develop an awareness of the opportunities in the education
18 profession;

19 (c) Providing opportunities for students to experience the
20 application of regular high school course work to activities related to
21 a teaching career in vocational agriculture;

22 (d) Providing information on the transferability of skills learned
23 in other occupations and professions to activities related to a
24 teaching career in vocational agriculture;

25 (e) Providing opportunities for underrepresented populations to
26 participate in activities related to a teaching career in vocational
27 agriculture; and

28 (f) Providing for increased cooperation among institutions of
29 higher education including community colleges, the superintendent of
30 public instruction, the state board of education, and local school
31 districts in working toward the goals of the program.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 When making grants with federal funds for professional preparation
35 and in-service education programs, the superintendent of public
36 instruction shall use a portion of those grant funds to support the

1 preparation and continuing education of vocational agriculture
2 educators.

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