
SENATE BILL 6217

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By Senators Johnson and McAuliffe; by request of Board of Education

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1 AN ACT Relating to demonstrating basic skills for entrance into a
2 teacher preparation program; and amending RCW 28A.410.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.020 and 1991 c 116 s 20 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No person may be admitted to a professional teacher preparation
7 program within Washington state without first demonstrating by one of
8 the following options that he or she is competent in the basic skills
9 required for oral and written communication and computation(~~(.—This~~
10 ~~requirement shall be waived for persons who have completed))~~):

11 (a) Successful completion of an examination in the basic skills
12 required for oral and written communication and computation; or

13 (b) Completion of a baccalaureate degree program; or

14 (c) Completion of a graduate degree program; or (~~who have~~
15 ~~completed))~~)

16 (d) Completion of two or more years of college level course
17 work(,,) and demonstrated basic skills competency through college
18 level course work and a written essay(, and are over the age of
19 twenty-one)); or

1 (e) Earning a combined score of more than the state-wide median
2 score for the prior school year scored by all persons taking tests of
3 general achievement selected by the state board of education.

4 ~~(2) ((After June 30, 1989, no person shall be admitted to a teacher~~
5 ~~preparation program who has a combined score of less than the state-~~
6 ~~wide median score for the prior school year scored by all persons~~
7 ~~taking tests of general achievement selected by the state board of~~
8 ~~education. The state board of education shall develop criteria and~~
9 ~~adopt rules for exemptions from this subsection.~~

10 ~~(3))~~ The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement
11 this section.

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