

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6217**

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1996 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6217** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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

Read first time 01/09/96. Referred to Committee on Education.

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, reading, and  
10 computation(~~(. This requirement shall be waived for persons who have~~  
11 ~~completed))~~);

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

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

16            (c) Completion of a graduate degree program; or (~~who have~~  
17 ~~completed))~~)

18            (d) Completion of two or more years of college level course  
19 work(,,) and demonstrated basic skills competency through college

1 level course work and a written essay(~~(, and are over the age of~~  
2 ~~twenty-one)); or~~

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

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

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

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) As part of the report required by RCW  
15 28A.410.013, the state board of education shall include specific  
16 recommendations for establishment of a uniform test of basic skills:

17 (a) As a requirement for admission to a professional teacher  
18 preparation program within Washington state; and

19 (b) As a requirement for out-of-state teachers applying for  
20 Washington state certification.

21 (2) This section shall expire January 31, 1997.

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