
HOUSE BILL 1523

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1 AN ACT Relating to certificated educational employees; and
2 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.410.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.010 and 1992 c 159 s 3 and 1992 c 60 s 2 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 The state board of education shall establish, publish, and enforce
7 rules (~~and regulations~~) determining eligibility for and certification
8 of personnel employed in the common schools of this state, including
9 certification for emergency or temporary, substitute or provisional
10 duty and under such certificates or permits as the board shall deem
11 proper or as otherwise prescribed by law. The rules shall require that
12 the initial application for certification shall require a record check
13 of the applicant through the Washington state patrol criminal
14 identification system and through the federal bureau of investigation
15 at the applicant's expense. The record check shall include a
16 fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
17 identification fingerprint card. The superintendent of public
18 instruction may waive the record check for any applicant who has had a
19 record check within the two years before application.

1 In establishing rules for certification, the state board of
2 education shall ensure that all persons who have been granted
3 certification as authorized under this chapter and are employed or are
4 under contract with the school district engage in a minimum of ninety
5 continuous hours of classroom instruction every three years. The board
6 shall grant exemptions from this requirement to certificated personnel
7 serving as librarians, nurses, occupational therapists, physical
8 therapists, psychologists, social workers, and speech-language
9 pathologists or audiologists.

10 In establishing rules pertaining to the qualifications of
11 instructors of American sign language the state board shall consult
12 with the national association of the deaf, "sign instructors guidance
13 network" (s.i.g.n.), and the Washington state association of the deaf
14 for evaluation and certification of sign language instructors.

15 The superintendent of public instruction shall act as the
16 administrator of any such rules (~~and regulations~~) and have the power
17 to issue any certificates or permits and revoke the same in accordance
18 with board rules (~~and regulations~~).

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