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1 AN ACT Relating to the conditional employment of teachers with
2 lapsed certifications; and reenacting and amending RCW
3 28A.410.010.

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

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

7 (1) The state board of education shall establish, publish, and
8 enforce rules (~~(and regulations)~~) determining eligibility for and
9 certification of personnel employed in the common schools of this
10 state, including certification for emergency or temporary,
11 substitute or provisional duty and under such certificates or
12 permits as the board shall deem proper or as otherwise prescribed
13 by law(~~(-)~~) subject to the following conditions:

14 (a) The rules shall require that the initial application for
15 certification shall require a record check of the applicant
16 through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system
17 and through the federal bureau of investigation at the applicant's
18 expense. The record check shall include a fingerprint check using a

1 complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint
2 card. The superintendent of public instruction may waive the record
3 check for any applicant who has had a record check within the two
4 years before application.

5 (b) The rules shall permit a holder of a lapsed certificate who
6 has separated from service with a school district or approved
7 private school located in the state of Washington to be employed
8 on a conditional basis for a maximum of two years by a school
9 district or approved private school under the following
10 conditions:

11 (i) The holder's certificate has not been suspended or revoked;

12 (ii) The holder has successfully completed state-mandated
13 background checks;

14 (iii) The holder's certificate lapsed no more than eight years
15 before the holder is reemployed under this section;

16 (iv) The holder has a letter of recommendation from the school
17 district or approved private school of last employment;

18 (v) The holder must complete any certificate renewal
19 requirements established by the state board of education within
20 two years of initial reemployment, and must file with the employer
21 a written plan for achieving the requirements within the allotted
22 time; and

23 (vi) If hired by a school district, the holder shall be
24 employed under a one-year provisional contract that may be renewed
25 no more than once. The holder must make satisfactory progress
26 toward the achievement of the certificate renewal requirements
27 before the provisional contract may be renewed.

28 (2) In establishing rules pertaining to the qualifications of
29 instructors of American sign language the state board shall
30 consult with the national association of the deaf, "sign
31 instructors guidance network" (s.i.g.n.), and the Washington state
32 association of the deaf for evaluation and certification of sign
33 language instructors.

34 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall act as the
35 administrator of any such rules ((and regulations)) and have the
36 power to issue any certificates or permits and revoke the same in

1 accordance with board rules (~~and regulations~~).

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