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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Keiser, Cox, Quall, Kenney, Rockefeller, O'Brien, Talcott, Santos, Kessler, Lovick, McIntire, D. Schmidt, Ruderman, Schual-Berke, Poulsen, Kagi, Edmonds and Haigh)

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1 AN ACT Relating to educational assistance for teachers; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.410 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
7 specific purpose and to the conditions in this section, and until
8 these funds are exhausted, the higher education coordinating board
9 may provide tuition and fee reimbursement to a certificated
10 employee who is assigned to teach in one or more subjects in which
11 the employee lacks the appropriate endorsements required by the
12 state board of education:

13 (1) The reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of tuition
14 and fees paid by the employee or the resident undergraduate
15 tuition and fee rate at the University of Washington, whichever is
16 lower; and

17 (2) The reimbursement shall be paid only for earned credits
18 that apply toward the endorsement or endorsements that are lacked

1 by the employee but that are required for the subjects that the
2 employee is assigned to teach. School districts shall submit the
3 following information to the higher education coordinating board
4 for teachers seeking tuition reimbursement under this section: (a)
5 Certification that the teacher had been required to teach out of
6 the teacher's endorsement area; (b) a list of the credits earned
7 toward the new endorsement area; and (c) the amount eligible for
8 reimbursement. Annually, the higher education coordinating board
9 shall reimburse teachers for the full cost of eligible credits or
10 a prorated amount that is lower, based on the legislative
11 appropriation.

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