## SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1867

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**By** House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Ruderman and Kagi)

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1 AN ACT Relating to salary bonuses for educational staff associates 2 receiving board or association certification; and creating a new 3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that educational б staff associates provide many services that are vital to the 7 attainment and physical and educational mental well-being of Washington's public school students. The legislature also finds that 8 9 these well-trained and accomplished professionals are an essential and 10 valued part of the state's teaching corps. The legislature further finds that these professionals have rigorous certification processes, 11 12 but that the national associations that provide that certification do 13 not all have advanced certification for experienced members within the 14 various professions. Therefore, the legislature intends to ask the 15 professional educator standards board to recommend a means to recognize the accomplishments of experienced educational staff associates through 16 17 advanced certification process that is comparable to the an certification process of the national board for professional teaching 18 19 standards.

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(2) The professional educator standards board shall review national 1 2 certification standards for educational staff associates and recommend 3 a way that Washington may recognize the accomplishments of educational 4 staff associates who successfully complete rigorous, advanced certification that is comparable to the certification of the national 5 board for professional teaching standards. By June 30, 2002, the board 6 7 shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the 8 legislative education and fiscal committees, the state board of 9 education, the superintendent of public instruction, and other 10 interested parties.

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