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SENATE BILL 6245

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By Senators McAuliffe and Carlson

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1 AN ACT Relating to appointments to the academic achievement and  
2 accountability commission made beginning June 30, 2002; and amending  
3 RCW 28A.655.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.655.020 and 1999 c 388 s 101 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The academic achievement and accountability commission is  
8 established.

9 (2) The primary purpose of the commission is to provide oversight  
10 of the state's educational accountability system.

11 (3) The commission shall consist of nine members selected as  
12 follows:

13 (a) One member shall be the superintendent of public instruction or  
14 the superintendent's designee; and

15 (b)(i) Eight members shall be appointed by the governor. All  
16 members appointed by the governor are subject to confirmation by the  
17 senate.

18 (ii) For members appointed before June 30, 2002, four of the  
19 members shall be selected as follows: Each major caucus of the house

1 of representatives and the senate shall submit a list of three names.  
2 The lists may not include the names of members of the legislature. The  
3 governor shall select a member from each list provided by each caucus.  
4 (~~All members appointed by the governor shall be subject to~~  
5 ~~confirmation by the senate.~~) The provisions of this subsection  
6 (3)(b)(ii) shall not be used for appointments made on or after June 30,  
7 2002.

8 (4) The governor shall appoint a chair from among the commission  
9 members.

10 (5) Appointees shall be individuals who are supportive of  
11 educational improvement, who have a positive record of service, and who  
12 will devote sufficient time to the responsibilities of the commission  
13 to ensure that the objectives of the commission are achieved. The  
14 commission shall be composed of a balance of individuals from within  
15 and outside the public education system. The commission shall include  
16 educators, business leaders, and parents.

17 (6) The governor shall appoint its initial commission members by  
18 July 1, 1999. The first meeting of the commission shall be convened by  
19 the superintendent of public instruction no later than July 30, 1999.

20 (7) Appointed members shall serve for terms of four years, with the  
21 terms expiring on June 30th of the fourth year of the term. However,  
22 in the case of the initial members, four members shall serve four-year  
23 terms, two members shall serve three-year terms, and two members shall  
24 serve two-year terms, with each of the terms expiring on June 30th of  
25 the applicable year. Appointees may be reappointed to serve more than  
26 one term.

27 (8) The governor shall fill any vacancy in appointments that may  
28 occur. When filling a vacancy of a member nominated by a major caucus  
29 of the legislature, the governor shall select the new member from a  
30 list of three names submitted by the same caucus that provided the list  
31 from which the retiring member was appointed.

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