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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Finkbeiner and Winsley; by request of Governor Locke, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board of Education and Professional Educator Standards Board)

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1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications for public school principals and
2 vice principals; and amending RCW 28A.400.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.400.100 and 1977 ex.s. c 272 s 1 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 School districts may employ public school principals and/or vice
7 principals to supervise the operation and management of the school to
8 which they are assigned. Such persons shall hold valid (~~teacher and~~)
9 administrative certificates and shall hold or have held either valid
10 teacher certificates or valid educational staff associate certificates.
11 Persons who hold or have held valid educational staff associate
12 certificates must also have demonstrated successful school-based
13 experience in an instructional role with students. Persons whose
14 certificates were revoked, suspended, or surrendered may not be
15 employed as public school principals or vice principals. In addition
16 to such other duties as shall be prescribed by law and by the job
17 description adopted by the board of directors, each principal shall:

18 (1) Assume administrative authority, responsibility and
19 instructional leadership, under the supervision of the school district

1 superintendent, and in accordance with the policies of the school
2 district board of directors, for the planning, management, supervision
3 and evaluation of the educational program of the attendance area for
4 which he or she is responsible.

5 (2) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent
6 regarding appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer and dismissal of
7 all personnel assigned to the attendance area for which he or she is
8 responsible.

9 (3) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent
10 regarding the fiscal needs to maintain and improve the instructional
11 program of the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

12 (4) Assume administrative authority and responsibility for the
13 supervision, counseling and discipline of pupils in the attendance area
14 for which he or she is responsible.

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