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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6478**

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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 the professional educator standards board; and  
2 amending RCW 28A.410.200 and 28A.410.220.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.200 and 2000 c 39 s 102 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) The Washington professional educator standards board is  
7 created, consisting of nineteen members to be appointed by the governor  
8 to four-year terms and the superintendent of public instruction, who  
9 shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member.

10 (b) As the four-year terms of the first appointees expire or  
11 vacancies to the board occur for the first time, the governor shall  
12 appoint or reappoint the members of the board to one-year to four-year  
13 staggered terms. Once the one-year to three-year terms expire, all  
14 subsequent terms shall be for four years, with the terms expiring on  
15 June 30th of the applicable year. The terms shall be staggered in such  
16 a way that, where possible, the terms of members representing a  
17 specific group do not expire simultaneously.

18 (c) No person may serve as a member of the board for more than two  
19 consecutive full four-year terms.

1        (d) The governor shall annually appoint the chair of the board from  
2 among the teachers and principals on the board. No board member may  
3 serve as chair for more than two consecutive years.

4        (2) Seven of the members shall be public school teachers, one shall  
5 be a private school teacher, three shall represent higher education  
6 educator preparation programs, four shall be school administrators, two  
7 shall be educational staff associates, one shall be a parent, and one  
8 shall be a member of the public.

9        (3) Public school teachers appointed to the board must:

10        (a) Have at least three years of teaching experience in a  
11 Washington public school;

12        (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching  
13 position; and

14        (c) Include one teacher currently teaching at the elementary school  
15 level, one at the middle school level, one at the high school level,  
16 and one vocationally certificated.

17        (4) Private school teachers appointed to the board must:

18        (a) Have at least three years of teaching experience in a  
19 Washington approved private school; and

20        (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching  
21 position in an approved private school.

22        (5) Appointees from higher education educator preparation programs  
23 must include two representatives from institutions of higher education  
24 as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and one representative from an institution  
25 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.07.020(4).

26        (6) School administrators appointed to the board must:

27        (a) Have at least three years of administrative experience in a  
28 Washington public school district;

29        (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a school  
30 administrator position; and

31        (c) Include two public school principals, one Washington approved  
32 private school principal, and one superintendent.

33        (7) Educational staff associates appointed to the board must:

34        (a) Have at least three years of educational staff associate  
35 experience in a Washington public school district; and

36        (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in an  
37 educational staff associate position.

38        (8) Each major caucus of the house of representatives and the  
39 senate shall submit a list of at least one public school teacher. In

1 making the public school teacher appointments, the governor shall  
2 select one nominee from each list provided by each caucus. The  
3 governor shall appoint the remaining members of the board from a list  
4 of qualified nominees submitted to the governor by organizations  
5 representative of the constituencies of the board, from applications  
6 from other qualified individuals, or from both nominees and applicants.

7 (9) All appointments to the board made by the governor shall be  
8 subject to confirmation by the senate.

9 (10) The governor shall appoint the members of the initial board no  
10 later than June 1, 2000.

11 (11) In appointing board members, the governor shall consider the  
12 diversity of the population of the state.

13 (12) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance  
14 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred  
15 in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW  
16 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 (13) The governor may remove a member of the board for neglect of  
18 duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or for  
19 incompetency or unprofessional conduct as defined in chapter 18.130  
20 RCW. In such a case, the governor shall file with the secretary of  
21 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from  
22 office, and the secretary of state shall send a certified copy of the  
23 statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post office  
24 address of the member.

25 (14) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint  
26 a replacement member from the nominees as specified in subsection (8)  
27 of this section to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. When  
28 filling a vacancy of a member nominated by a major caucus of the  
29 legislature, the governor shall select the new member from a list of at  
30 least one name submitted by the same caucus that provided the list from  
31 which the retiring member was appointed.

32 (15) Members of the board shall hire an executive director and an  
33 administrative assistant to reside in the office of the superintendent  
34 of public instruction for administrative purposes only.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.410.220 and 2000 c 39 s 201 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1)(a) Beginning not later than September 1, 2001, the Washington  
38 professional educator standards board shall make available and pilot a

1 means of assessing an applicant's knowledge in the basic skills. For  
2 the purposes of this section, "basic skills" means the subjects of at  
3 least reading, writing, and mathematics. Beginning September 1, 2002,  
4 except as provided in (c) of this subsection and subsection (3) of this  
5 section, passing this assessment shall be required for admission to  
6 approved teacher preparation programs and for persons from out-of-state  
7 applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate.

8 (b) On an individual student basis, approved teacher preparation  
9 programs may admit into their programs a candidate who has not achieved  
10 the minimum basic skills assessment score established by the Washington  
11 professional educator standards board. Individuals so admitted may not  
12 receive residency certification without passing the basic skills  
13 assessment under this section.

14 (c) The Washington professional educator standards board may  
15 establish criteria to ensure that persons from out-of-state who are  
16 applying for residency certification and persons applying to master's  
17 degree level teacher preparation programs can demonstrate to the  
18 board's satisfaction that they have the requisite basic skills based  
19 upon having completed another basic skills assessment acceptable to the  
20 Washington professional educator standards board or by some other  
21 alternative approved by the Washington professional educator standards  
22 board.

23 (2) Beginning not later than September 1, 2002, the Washington  
24 professional educator standards board shall provide for the initial  
25 piloting and implementation of a means of assessing an applicant's  
26 knowledge in the subjects for which the applicant has applied for an  
27 endorsement to his or her residency or professional teaching  
28 certificate. The assessment of subject knowledge shall not include  
29 instructional methodology. Beginning September 1, ((2003)) 2005,  
30 passing this assessment shall be required to receive an endorsement for  
31 certification purposes.

32 (3) The Washington professional educator standards board may permit  
33 exceptions from the assessment requirements under subsections (1) and  
34 (2) of this section on a case-by-case basis.

35 (4) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
36 provide for reasonable accommodations for individuals who are required  
37 to take the assessments in subsection (1) or (2) of this section if the  
38 individuals have learning or other disabilities.

1 (5) With the exception of applicants exempt from the requirements  
2 of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, an applicant must achieve  
3 a minimum assessment score or scores established by the Washington  
4 professional educator standards board on each of the assessments under  
5 subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

6 (6) The Washington professional educator standards board and  
7 superintendent of public instruction, as determined by the Washington  
8 professional educator standards board, may contract with one or more  
9 third parties for:

10 (a) The development, purchase, administration, scoring, and  
11 reporting of scores of the assessments established by the Washington  
12 professional educator standards board under subsections (1) and (2) of  
13 this section;

14 (b) Related clerical and administrative activities; or

15 (c) Any combination of the purposes in this subsection.

16 (7) Applicants for admission to a Washington teacher preparation  
17 program and applicants for residency and professional certificates who  
18 are required to successfully complete one or more of the assessments  
19 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, and who are charged a  
20 fee for the assessment by a third party contracted with under  
21 subsection (6) of this section, shall pay the fee charged by the  
22 contractor directly to the contractor. Such fees shall be reasonably  
23 related to the actual costs of the contractor in providing the  
24 assessment.

25 (8) The superintendent of public instruction is responsible for  
26 supervision and providing support services to administer this section.

27 (9) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
28 collaboratively select or develop and implement the assessments and  
29 minimum assessment scores required under this section with the  
30 superintendent of public instruction and shall provide opportunities  
31 for representatives of other interested educational organizations to  
32 participate in the selection or development and implementation of such  
33 assessments in a manner deemed appropriate by the Washington  
34 professional educator standards board.

35 (10) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
36 adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW that are reasonably necessary for  
37 the effective and efficient implementation of this section.

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