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By Senators Kastama and Jacobsen

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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 2002 c 78 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) School districts may employ public school principals and/or
7 vice principals to supervise the operation and management of the school
8 to which they are assigned. Such persons shall hold valid
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)).~~

14 (b) A school district may require additional training for
15 individuals who are employed as public school principals or vice
16 principals, who have not held a valid teacher certificate. The
17 additional training required by the district shall permit the
18 individual to obtain the additional training within the first three
19 years of employment as a principal or vice principal for the district.

1 (c) Persons who held teaching positions whose certificates were
2 revoked, suspended, or surrendered may not be employed as public school
3 principals or vice principals.

4 (2) In addition to such other duties as shall be prescribed by law
5 and by the job description adopted by the board of directors, each
6 principal shall:

7 ~~((1))~~ (a) Assume administrative authority, responsibility and
8 instructional leadership, under the supervision of the school district
9 superintendent, and in accordance with the policies of the school
10 district board of directors, for the planning, management, supervision
11 and evaluation of the educational program of the attendance area for
12 which he or she is responsible.

13 ~~((2))~~ (b) Submit recommendations to the school district
14 superintendent regarding appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer
15 and dismissal of all personnel assigned to the attendance area for
16 which he or she is responsible.

17 ~~((3))~~ (c) Submit recommendations to the school district
18 superintendent regarding the fiscal needs to maintain and improve the
19 instructional program of the attendance area for which he or she is
20 responsible.

21 ~~((4))~~ (d) Assume administrative authority and responsibility for
22 the supervision, counseling and discipline of pupils in the attendance
23 area for which he or she is responsible.

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