

ESSB 5048 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2540.1/17) **370**

By Representative Bergquist

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1 On page 149, after line 22, insert the following:

2 "(e) Within amounts appropriated in this subsection (4) the
3 professional educator standards board must develop and implement, by
4 April 1, 2018, a professional development credit option for teacher
5 and administrator professional certification, as follows:

6 (i) The board must allow an applicant to qualify for the relevant
7 professional certificate by earning seventy-five approved professional
8 development credits within five years following the year that the
9 educator first completes provisional status, and must provide a one-
10 time, one-year extension to an applicant who does not meet these
11 requirements that instead allows such applicant to qualify by earning
12 ninety approved professional development credits within six years
13 following the year that the educator first completes provisional
14 status;

15 (ii) Professional development credit means a credit earned by
16 attending sixty minutes of approved professional development activity;

17 (iii) Professional development activity means a method by which an
18 educator may earn a professional development credit, where the
19 activity is: related to pedagogy, a teacher's endorsement area or an
20 endorsement area the teacher wishes to add, professional
21 responsibilities, mentoring, or working with families and the
22 community, or other topics approved by the board; not required by
23 federal or state laws, or local school district policies, though the
24 subject matter of the activity may be related to federal, state, or
25 local requirements; not related to first aid or athletics;

26 (iv) The educator earns professional development credit by
27 attending, participating in, teaching, presenting, or preparing for

1 the professional development activity. The educator may be
2 compensated for earning, but must not be required to earn, the credit
3 by the school district;

4 (v) The board must develop and implement a means to approve and
5 track professional development credits earned for approved
6 professional development activities, and must develop a process for
7 approving providers of professional development activities that meet
8 the requirements of this subsection. However, the board may choose to
9 approve activities that are not offered by an approved provider;

10 (vi) The board must determine and adjust professional
11 certification fees to defray the reasonable, necessary cost to the
12 board and the office of the superintendent of public instruction of
13 administering this professional certification option;

14 (vii) The board and the office of the superintendent of public
15 instruction may adopt rules necessary to meet the requirements of this
16 subsection; and

17 (viii) At the close of the fiscal year, the board and the office
18 of the superintendent of public instruction shall report to the
19 appropriate fiscal and education committee of the legislature with the
20 costs to each agency to implement this subsection, the number of
21 educators who applied for professional certification under this
22 subsection, the amount of certification fees collected from such
23 applicants, and recommendations for continuing the professional
24 development credit option."

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EFFECT: Directs the Professional Educator Standards Board to
adopt and implement rules that provide teachers with an alternative
option to become professionally certified, based on earning 75
approved professional development credits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No net change to appropriated levels.

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