
SENATE BILL 5662

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By Senator Zeiger; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to professional educator standards board
2 membership; and amending RCW 28A.410.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.200 and 2009 c 531 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) The Washington professional educator standards board is
7 created, consisting of twelve members to be appointed by the governor
8 to four-year terms and the superintendent of public instruction or
9 the superintendent's designee. On August 1, 2009, the board shall be
10 reduced to twelve members.

11 (b) Vacancies on the board shall be filled by appointment or
12 reappointment by the governor to terms of four years.

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

15 (d) The governor shall biennially appoint the chair of the board.
16 No board member may serve as chair for more than four consecutive
17 years.

18 (2) A majority of the members of the board shall be active
19 practitioners with the majority being classroom based. Membership on
20 the board shall include individuals having one or more of the
21 following:

1 (a) Experience in one or more of the education roles for which
2 state preparation program approval is required and certificates
3 issued;

4 (b) Experience providing or leading a state-approved teacher or
5 educator preparation program;

6 (c) Experience providing mentoring and coaching to education
7 professionals or others; and

8 (d) Education-related community experience.

9 (3) In appointing board members, the governor shall consider the
10 individual's commitment to quality education and the ongoing
11 improvement of instruction, experiences in the public schools or
12 private schools, involvement in developing quality teaching
13 preparation and support programs, and vision for the most effective
14 yet practical system of assuring teaching quality. The governor shall
15 also consider the diversity of the population of the state.

16 (4) All appointments to the board made by the governor are
17 subject to confirmation by the senate.

18 (5) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance
19 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
20 incurred in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with
21 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

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

34 (8) Members of the board may create informal advisory groups as
35 needed to inform the board's work.

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