

**HB 2698 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Gives paraeducators, currently employed and hired before September 1, 2018, until September 1, 2019, to meet certain minimum employment standards.

Requires paraeducators hired on or after September 1, 2018, to meet the standards when they are hired.

Requires non-title I school districts to provide a report, to the professional educator standards paraeducator board, of how many current paraeducators have and how many have not met the minimum employment requirements.

Revises requirements for participation in the pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship program.

Gives school districts from September 1, 2019, to September 1, 2020, to provide the fundamental course of study to all paraeducators hired before September 1, 2019.

Makes appropriations from the general fund to the professional educator standards board to provide overall oversight and procure or develop professional development for specialty certificates and align courses with general certificate professional development, including any necessary changes or edits to general certificate online modules.