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2 **HB 1143** - S AMD

3 By Senators Saling, Jesernig, Bauer, Patterson, Stratton and Niemi

4 Exceeds Scope - 4/16/91

5 On page 7, after line 14, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The legislature finds that the large
7 number of international graduate students has highlighted the need for
8 state institutions of higher education to give careful attention to the
9 issues of language proficiency, sensitivity to cultural differences,
10 and pedagogical skills when making graduate service appointments. The
11 legislature also finds that the quality of the undergraduate learning
12 experience at many state institutions of higher education is directly
13 affected by graduate teaching assistants who are responsible for a
14 significant percentage of class sections taught in lower-division
15 courses. The legislature recognizes that over the years it has
16 received reports about the problems some students experience in
17 understanding the English language as spoken by some of the graduate
18 teaching assistants employed as instructors at our state institutions.
19 It is the intent of the legislature to assure students and parents that
20 graduate teaching assistants at our state institutions of higher
21 education are proficient in writing and speaking the English language."

22 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) A person who has received a graduate assistant appointment in
25 which that person will be providing classroom instruction, or will work
26 with students in participatory and activity courses such as clinics,

1 studios, seminars, and laboratories, shall be fluent in both written
2 and spoken English language.

3 (2) A person who has received a graduate assistant appointment in
4 which the classroom instruction to be provided is specifically designed
5 to be taught primarily in a foreign language is exempt from subsection
6 (1) of this section."

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) Each state institution of higher education shall provide for
10 all international teaching assistants orientation programs that include
11 at least twenty hours of instruction emphasizing pedagogical skills
12 appropriate to a Washington institution of higher education;
13 intercultural competency; and English language proficiency for
14 instructional purposes.

15 (2) Each state institution of higher education shall evaluate its
16 graduate assistants for fluency in English as such fluency pertains to
17 the classroom, laboratory, studio, and seminar setting. Fluency shall
18 be evaluated using varied and appropriate criteria including, but not
19 limited to, personal interviews; student observations and evaluations;
20 and tests.

21 (3) A committee composed of faculty and at least two students shall
22 review procedures affecting teaching assistants and act as a resource
23 for any student who is concerned about the proficiency of teaching
24 assistants. Graduate assistants whose assignments include instruction
25 specifically designed to be provided primarily in a foreign language
26 are exempt from this subsection.

27 (4) By August 1, 1991, each state institution of higher education
28 shall submit to the higher education coordinating board a plan for
29 certifying the instructional proficiencies of international teaching

1 assistants. The certification process shall provide for student
2 participation. The certification shall state that the graduate
3 teaching assistants hired either after the effective date of this
4 section or hired subsequent to the last annual certification are fluent
5 in the English language as provided in section 5 of this act."

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. If any provision of this act or its
7 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
8 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
9 persons or circumstances is not affected."

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13 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "education;" strike "and"

14 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "28B.40.206" insert "; adding
15 new sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section"