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By Senators Anderson, Rasmussen, Bailey, Johnson, Metcalf, Matson, McCaslin, Thorsness, Roach, Cantu, Oke, Craswell, A. Smith and L. Smith.

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1 AN ACT Relating to teacher certification; and amending RCW  
2 28A.410.040 and 28A.410.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.040 and 1990 c 33 s 406 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The state board of education shall adopt rules providing that,  
7 except as provided in this section, all individuals qualifying for an  
8 initial-level teaching certificate after August 31, 1992, shall possess  
9 a baccalaureate degree in the arts, sciences, and/or humanities and  
10 have fulfilled the requirements for teacher certification pursuant to  
11 RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). (~~The state board of education shall  
12 develop and adopt rules establishing baccalaureate degree equivalency  
13 standards for certification of vocational instructors performing  
14 instructional duties and acquiring initial level certification after  
15 August 31, 1992.~~) However, candidates for grades preschool through

1 eight certificates shall have fulfilled the requirements for a major as  
2 part of their baccalaureate degree. If the major is in early childhood  
3 education, elementary education, or special education, the candidate  
4 must have at least thirty quarter hours or twenty semester hours in one  
5 academic field.

6 ~~(2) ((The state board of education shall study the impact of  
7 eliminating the major in education under subsection (1) of this section  
8 and submit a report to the legislature by January 15, 1990. The report  
9 shall include a recommendation on whether the major in education under  
10 subsection (1) of this section should be eliminated.~~

11 ~~(3))~~ The initial certificate shall be valid for ~~((two years.~~

12 ~~(4) Certificate holders may renew the certificate for a three year  
13 period by providing proof of acceptance and enrollment in an approved  
14 masters degree program. A second renewal, for a period of two years,  
15 may be granted upon recommendation of the degree granting institution  
16 and if the certificate holder can demonstrate substantial progress  
17 toward the completion of the masters degree and that the degree will be  
18 completed within the two year extension period. Under no circumstances  
19 may an initial certificate be valid for)) a period of no more than  
20 seven years. The initial certificate may be reinstated pursuant to  
21 state board of education rules.~~

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.410.050 and 1989 c 29 s 2 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 ~~((1) The state board of education shall implement rules providing  
25 that all teachers performing instructional duties and acquiring  
26 professional level certificate status after August 31, 1992, shall  
27 possess, as a requirement of professional status, a masters degree in  
28 teaching, or a masters degree in the arts, sciences, and/or humanities.~~

1       (2)) The state board of education shall develop and adopt rules  
2   establishing baccalaureate and masters degree equivalency standards for  
3   vocational instructors performing instructional duties and acquiring  
4   (~~professional level~~) certification after August 31, 1992.