
SENATE BILL 6406

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By Senator Rinehart

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1 AN ACT Relating to court reporting schools; amending RCW
2 18.145.080; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the community
5 and technical college court reporting schools in this state and court
6 reporting schools approved by the national court reporters association
7 provide complete preparation for individuals entering the profession of
8 shorthand or court reporting. The quality of the education being
9 provided in these schools makes it unnecessary for the protection of
10 the public safety and well-being to require an additional state-
11 administered examination as a prerequisite to certification.
12 Therefore, the state acknowledges a certificate of graduation from an
13 approved shorthand or court reporting school as a prerequisite to

1 certification, in lieu of successful completion of an examination
2 approved by the director.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.145.080 and 1989 c 382 s 9 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The department shall issue a certificate to any applicant who,
6 as determined by the director upon advice of the board, has:

7 (a) Successfully completed an examination approved by the director
8 or earned a certificate of graduation from a court reporting school
9 that is part of an entity established, operated, and governed by this
10 state or its political subdivisions under Title 28A, 28B, or 28C RCW or
11 a court reporting school approved by the national court reporters
12 association;

13 (b) Good moral character;

14 (c) Not engaged in unprofessional conduct; and

15 (d) Not been determined to be unable to practice with reasonable
16 skill and safety as a result of a physical or mental impairment.

17 (2) A one-year temporary certificate may be issued, at the
18 discretion of the director, to a person holding one of the following:
19 National (~~shorthand~~) court reporters association certificate of
20 proficiency, registered professional reporter certificate, or
21 certificate of merit; or a current court or shorthand reporter
22 certification, registration, or license of another state(~~or a~~
23 ~~certificate of graduation of a court reporting school~~). To continue
24 to be certified under this chapter, a person receiving a temporary
25 certificate shall successfully complete the examination under
26 subsection (1)(a) of this section within one year of receiving the
27 temporary certificate, except that the director may renew the temporary
28 certificate if extraordinary circumstances are shown.

1 (3) The examination required by subsection (1)(a) of this section
2 shall be no more difficult than the examination provided by the court
3 reporter examining committee as authorized by RCW 2.32.180.