
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6416

State of Washington

53rd Legislature

1994 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Skratek, Pelz, Winsley and McAuliffe)

Read first time 02/03/94. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to legislator-teachers; adding a new section to
2 chapter 28A.320 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Education has become much more demanding,
5 difficult, and complex. Public and legislative expectations for the
6 education of our children are high but often create additional
7 pressures for the performance of educators. It is more important than
8 ever that persons who want to help improve the education system have an
9 understanding of the realities of teaching today. Toward that end, it
10 is the intent of this act to encourage legislators to spend time in
11 schools in teaching roles.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) Any legislator may teach so long as such service is performed
15 under the general supervision of a certificated instructional staff.
16 For the purposes of this section, general supervision may include the
17 legislator teaching without the certificated instructional staff being
18 in the classroom but being in the building and readily available. It

1 is the joint responsibility of the legislator, school district,
2 principal, and teacher to determine what the legislator will teach.

3 (2) Subject to the limitations under subsection (3) of this
4 section, legislators may claim no more than two days per diem per year
5 for teaching under subsection (1) of this section, however the
6 legislator must teach at least four hours of the day for which per diem
7 is claimed.

8 (3) Any legislator holding a valid Washington state teaching
9 certificate shall be:

10 (a) Eligible to claim per diem under subsection (2) of this section
11 only if the legislator is on an unpaid leave from a school district or
12 is not under contract with a school district; and

13 (b) Ineligible to claim these days for service credit for state
14 retirement system purposes.

15 (4) The state board of education may adopt such rules as are
16 necessary to implement this section.

--- END ---