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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6668**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Eide, Rasmussen, Goings, Kohl-Welles, B. Sheldon and Patterson; by request of Governor Locke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to standards for educator quality; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 28A.410 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW  
3 28A.410.020; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **PART 1**

6 **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD**

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** INTENT. The legislature finds and  
8 declares:

9 (1) Creation of a public, rule-making body whose focus is educator  
10 assessment would be likely to bring greater focus and attention to the  
11 profession;

12 (2) Professional educator standards boards are consumer protection  
13 boards, establishing assessment policies to ensure the public that its  
14 practitioners are competent;

15 (3) The highest possible standards for all educators are essential  
16 in ensuring attainment of high academic standards by all students;

17 (4) Teacher assessment for certification can guard against  
18 admission to the teaching profession of persons who have not

1 demonstrated that they are knowledgeable in the subjects they will be  
2 assigned to teach; and

3 (5) Teacher assessment for certification should be implemented as  
4 an additional element to the system of teacher preparation and  
5 certification.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 WASHINGTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD. (1) The  
9 Washington professional educator standards board is created, consisting  
10 of twenty members to be appointed by the governor to four-year terms.  
11 No person may serve as a member of the board for more than two  
12 consecutive full terms. The governor shall annually appoint the chair  
13 of the board from among the teachers and administrators on the board.  
14 No board member may serve as chair for more than two consecutive years.

15 (2) Seven of the members shall be public school teachers, one shall  
16 be a private school teacher, three shall represent higher education  
17 educator preparation programs, four shall be school administrators, two  
18 shall be educational staff associates, one shall be a parent, and one  
19 shall be a member of the public. The superintendent of public  
20 instruction shall be a voting member.

21 (3) Public school teachers appointed to the board must:

22 (a) Have at least three years of teaching experience in a  
23 Washington public school;

24 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching  
25 position; and

26 (c) Include one teacher currently teaching at the elementary school  
27 level, one at the middle school level, one at the high school level,  
28 and one vocationally certificated.

29 (4) Private school teachers appointed to the board must:

30 (a) Have at least three years of teaching experience in a  
31 Washington private school; and

32 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching  
33 position.

34 (5) Appointees from higher education educator preparation programs  
35 must include one representative from an institution of higher education  
36 as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and one representative from a Washington  
37 private institution of higher education.

38 (6) School administrators appointed to the board must:

1 (a) Have at least three years of administrative experience in a  
2 Washington public school district;

3 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a school  
4 administrator position; and

5 (c) Include two public school principals, one private school  
6 principal, and one superintendent.

7 (7) Educational staff associates appointed to the board must:

8 (a) Have at least three years of educational staff associate  
9 experience in a Washington public school district; and

10 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in an  
11 educational staff associate position.

12 (8) The governor shall appoint the members of the board from a list  
13 of qualified nominees submitted to the governor by organizations  
14 representative of the constituencies of the board, from applications  
15 from other qualified individuals, or from both nominees and applicants.

16 (9) All appointments to the board made by the governor shall be  
17 subject to confirmation by the senate.

18 (10) The governor shall appoint the members of the initial board no  
19 later than June 1, 2000.

20 (11) Board members shall represent the racial, geographic, and  
21 gender diversity of the state.

22 (12) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance  
23 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred  
24 in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW  
25 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

26 (13) The governor may remove a member of the board for neglect of  
27 duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or for  
28 incompetency or unprofessional conduct as defined in chapter 18.130  
29 RCW. In such a case, the governor shall file with the secretary of  
30 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from  
31 office, and the secretary of state shall send a certified copy of the  
32 statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post office  
33 address of the member.

34 (14) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint  
35 a replacement member from the nominees as specified in subsection (8)  
36 of this section to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

37 (15) Members of the board shall hire an executive director and an  
38 administrative assistant to reside in the office of the superintendent  
39 of public instruction for administrative purposes only.



1 alternative approved by the Washington professional educator standards  
2 board.

3 (2) Beginning not later than September 1, 2002, the Washington  
4 professional educator standards board shall provide for the initial  
5 implementation of a means of assessing an applicant's knowledge in the  
6 subjects for which the applicant has applied for an endorsement to his  
7 or her residency or professional certificate. The assessment of  
8 subject knowledge shall not include instructional methodology.  
9 Beginning May 1, 2003, passing this assessment for the applicable  
10 endorsements shall be required to receive a residency certificate and  
11 for candidates desiring to add an endorsement to their residency or  
12 professional teaching certificate.

13 (3) On each of the assessments under subsections (1) and (2) of  
14 this section, an applicant must achieve a minimum assessment score or  
15 scores established by the Washington professional educator standards  
16 board.

17 (4) The Washington professional educator standards board and  
18 superintendent of public instruction, as determined by the Washington  
19 professional educator standards board, may contract with one or more  
20 third parties for:

21 (a) The development, purchase, administration, scoring, and  
22 reporting of scores of the assessments established by the Washington  
23 professional educator standards board under subsections (1) and (2) of  
24 this section;

25 (b) Related clerical and administrative activities; or

26 (c) Any combination of the purposes in this subsection.

27 (5) Unless funds are appropriated for the costs associated with any  
28 of the assessments under this section, applicants for admission to a  
29 Washington teacher preparation program and applicants for residency  
30 teaching certificates shall pay fees established by the Washington  
31 professional educator standards board for initial assessments,  
32 reassessments, scoring of assessments, reporting of assessment scores,  
33 and clerical and administrative activities related thereto. Such fees  
34 shall be reasonably related to the direct and indirect costs of the  
35 Washington professional educator standards board and superintendent of  
36 public instruction in implementing subsections (1) and (2) of this  
37 section, including contractual costs.

38 (6) Fee revenues received by the superintendent of public  
39 instruction under this section shall be deposited in the teacher

1 assessment account hereby created in the custody of the state  
2 treasurer. Moneys deposited in the account shall be expended  
3 exclusively for the direct and indirect costs of implementing this  
4 section. Only the superintendent of public instruction or the  
5 superintendent's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.  
6 The account is subject to the allotment procedures under chapter 43.88  
7 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursement.

8 (7) The superintendent of public instruction is responsible for  
9 supervision and providing support services to administer this section.

10 (8) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
11 collaboratively select or develop and implement the assessments and  
12 minimum assessment scores required under this section with the  
13 superintendent of public instruction and shall provide opportunities  
14 for representatives of other interested educational organizations to  
15 participate in the selection or development and implementation of such  
16 assessments in a manner deemed appropriate by the Washington  
17 professional educator standards board.

18 (9) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
19 adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW that it determines are reasonably  
20 necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of this  
21 section. The board may adopt rules allowing exceptions from taking any  
22 of the assessments under this section on a case-by-case basis.  
23 Appropriate accommodations shall be made for individuals who have  
24 learning or other disabilities.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410  
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 The Washington professional educator standards board shall report  
28 the proposed assessments to the legislative education committees for  
29 review and comment prior to implementing the assessments by contractual  
30 agreement with the selected vendor or vendors.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) By December 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Washington  
34 professional educator standards board shall prepare a report that  
35 includes the following information:

1 (a) The range of scores on the basic skills assessment under  
2 section 201(1) of this act for persons who passed the assessment and  
3 were admitted to a Washington preparation program; and

4 (b) The range of scores on the subject assessments under section  
5 201(2) of this act for persons who passed the assessments and earned an  
6 endorsement.

7 (2) The information under subsection (1) of this section shall be  
8 reported for the individual public and private colleges and  
9 universities in Washington, as well as reported on an aggregate basis.  
10 The report shall also include results disaggregated demographically.  
11 The report shall include information on the number and percentage of  
12 candidates exempted from assessments, demographic information on  
13 candidates exempted, institutions attended and endorsements sought by  
14 exempted candidates, and reasons for exclusion from the required  
15 assessments. The report shall be made available through the state  
16 library, on the website of the office of superintendent of public  
17 instruction, and placed on the legislative alert list.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204.** RCW 28A.410.020 (Requirements for  
19 admission to teacher preparation programs--Rules) and 1996 c 309 s 1,  
20 1991 c 116 s 20, 1988 c 251 s 4, & 1987 c 525 s 202, as now or  
21 hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective September 1, 2002.

22 **PART 3**  
23 **MISCELLANEOUS**

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** PART HEADINGS AND SECTION CAPTIONS NOT  
25 LAW. Part headings and section captions used in this act are not any  
26 part of the law.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
30 immediately.

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