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SENATE BILL 5826

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By Senator Kastama

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1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications for public school principals and  
2 vice principals; and amending RCW 28A.400.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.400.100 and 2002 c 78 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 School districts may employ public school principals and/or vice  
7 principals to supervise the operation and management of the school to  
8 which they are assigned. Such persons shall hold valid administrative  
9 certificates ~~((and shall hold or have held either valid teacher  
10 certificates or valid educational staff associate certificates.  
11 Persons who hold or have held valid educational staff associate  
12 certificates must also have demonstrated successful school based  
13 experience in an instructional role with students))~~. Persons who held  
14 teaching positions whose certificates were revoked, suspended, or  
15 surrendered may not be employed as public school principals or vice  
16 principals. In addition to such other duties as shall be prescribed by  
17 law and by the job description adopted by the board of directors, each  
18 principal shall:

1           (1) Assume administrative authority, responsibility and  
2 instructional leadership, under the supervision of the school district  
3 superintendent, and in accordance with the policies of the school  
4 district board of directors, for the planning, management, supervision  
5 and evaluation of the educational program of the attendance area for  
6 which he or she is responsible.

7           (2) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent  
8 regarding appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer and dismissal of  
9 all personnel assigned to the attendance area for which he or she is  
10 responsible.

11           (3) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent  
12 regarding the fiscal needs to maintain and improve the instructional  
13 program of the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

14           (4) Assume administrative authority and responsibility for the  
15 supervision, counseling and discipline of pupils in the attendance area  
16 for which he or she is responsible.

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