

SSB 5802 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Education

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The professional educator standards board shall:

6 (1) Develop and maintain a research base of educator preparation
7 best practices;

8 (2) Develop and coordinate initiatives for educator preparation in
9 high-demand fields as well as outreach and recruitment initiatives for
10 underrepresented populations;

11 (3) Provide program improvement technical assistance to providers
12 of educator preparation programs;

13 (4) Assure educator preparation program compliance; and

14 (5) Prepare and maintain a cohesive educator development policy
15 framework.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.410.200 and 2005 c 497 s 202 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1)(a) The Washington professional educator standards board is
19 created, consisting of (~~twenty~~) twelve members to be appointed by the
20 governor to four-year terms and the superintendent of public
21 instruction. On August 1, 2009, the board shall be reduced to twelve
22 members.

23 (b) (~~As the four-year terms of the first appointees expire or~~)
24 Vacancies (~~to~~) on the board (~~occur for the first time,~~) shall be
25 filled by appointment or reappointment by the governor (~~shall appoint~~
26 ~~or reappoint the members of the board to one-year to four-year~~
27 ~~staggered terms. Once the one-year to three-year terms expire, all~~
28 ~~subsequent terms shall be for~~) to terms of four years (~~with the~~

1 terms expiring on June 30th of the applicable year. The terms shall be
2 staggered in such a way that, where possible, the terms of members
3 representing a specific group do not expire simultaneously)).

4 (c) No person may serve as a member of the board for more than two
5 consecutive full four-year terms.

6 (d) The governor shall ((annually)) biennially appoint the chair of
7 the board ((from among the teachers and principals on the board)). No
8 board member may serve as chair for more than ((two)) four consecutive
9 years.

10 (2) ((Seven of the members shall be public school teachers, one
11 shall be a private school teacher, three shall represent higher
12 education educator preparation programs, four shall be school
13 administrators, two shall be educational staff associates, one shall be
14 a classified employee who assists in public school student instruction,
15 one shall be a parent, and one shall be a member of the public.

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

17 (a) ~~Have at least three years of teaching experience in a
18 Washington public school;~~

19 (b) ~~Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching
20 position; and~~

21 (c) ~~Include one teacher currently teaching at the elementary school
22 level, one at the middle school level, one at the high school level,
23 and one vocationally certificated.~~

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

25 (a) ~~Have at least three years of teaching experience in a
26 Washington approved private school; and~~

27 (b) ~~Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching
28 position in an approved private school.~~

29 (5) ~~Appointees from higher education educator preparation programs
30 must include two representatives from institutions of higher education
31 as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and one representative from an institution
32 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.07.020(4).~~

33 (6) ~~School administrators appointed to the board must:~~

34 (a) ~~Have at least three years of administrative experience in a
35 Washington public school district;~~

36 (b) ~~Be currently certificated and actively employed in a school
37 administrator position; and~~

1 ~~(c) Include two public school principals, one Washington approved~~
2 ~~private school principal, and one superintendent.~~

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

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

6 ~~(b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in an~~
7 ~~educational staff associate position.~~

8 ~~(8) Public school classified employees appointed to the board must:~~

9 ~~(a) Have at least three years of experience in assisting in the~~
10 ~~instruction of students in a Washington public school; and~~

11 ~~(b) Be currently employed in a position that requires the employee~~
12 ~~to assist in the instruction of students.~~

13 ~~(9) Each major caucus of the house of representatives and the~~
14 ~~senate shall submit a list of at least one public school teacher. In~~
15 ~~making the public school teacher appointments, the governor shall~~
16 ~~select one nominee from each list provided by each caucus. The~~
17 ~~governor shall appoint the remaining members of the board from a list~~
18 ~~of qualified nominees submitted to the governor by organizations~~
19 ~~representative of the constituencies of the board, from applications~~
20 ~~from other qualified individuals, or from both nominees and applicants.~~

21 ~~(10) All appointments to the board made by the governor shall be~~
22 ~~subject to confirmation by the senate.~~

23 ~~(11) The governor shall appoint the members of the initial board no~~
24 ~~later than June 1, 2000.~~

25 ~~(12) In appointing board members, the governor shall consider the~~
26 ~~diversity of the population of the state.~~

27 ~~(13))~~ A majority of the members of the board shall have classroom
28 experience. Membership on the board shall include individuals having
29 one or more of the following:

30 (a) Experience in one or more of the education roles for which
31 state preparation program approval is required and certificates issued;

32 (b) Experience providing or leading a state-approved teacher or
33 educator preparation program;

34 (c) Experience providing mentoring and coaching to education
35 professionals or others; and

36 (d) Education-related community experience.

37 (3) In appointing board members, the governor shall consider the
38 individual's commitment to quality education and the ongoing

1 improvement of instruction, experiences in the public schools,
2 involvement in developing quality teaching preparation and support
3 programs, and vision for the most effective yet practical system of
4 assuring teaching quality. The governor shall also consider the
5 diversity of the population of the state.

6 (4) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance
7 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred
8 in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW
9 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

10 ((+14)) (5) The governor may remove a member of the board for
11 neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or
12 for incompetency or unprofessional conduct as defined in chapter 18.130
13 RCW. In such a case, the governor shall file with the secretary of
14 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from
15 office, and the secretary of state shall send a certified copy of the
16 statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post office
17 address of the member.

18 ((+15) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint
19 a replacement member from the nominees as specified in subsection (9)
20 of this section to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. When
21 filling a vacancy of a member nominated by a major caucus of the
22 legislature, the governor shall select the new member from a list of at
23 least one name submitted by the same caucus that provided the list from
24 which the retiring member was appointed.

25 (+16)) (6) Members of the board shall hire an executive director
26 and an administrative assistant to reside in the office of the
27 superintendent of public instruction for administrative purposes only.

28 (7) Members of the board may create informal advisory groups as
29 needed to inform the board's work.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.410.100 and 2005 c 497 s 207 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 Any teacher whose certificate to teach has been questioned under
33 RCW 28A.410.090 shall have a right to be heard by the issuing authority
34 before his or her certificate is revoked. ((Any teacher whose
35 certificate to teach has been revoked shall have a right of appeal to
36 the Washington professional educator standards board if notice of

1 ~~appeal is given by written affidavit to the board within thirty days~~
2 ~~after the certificate is revoked.~~

3 ~~An appeal to the Washington professional educator standards board~~
4 ~~within the time specified shall operate as a stay of revocation~~
5 ~~proceedings until the next regular or special meeting of said board and~~
6 ~~until the board's decision has been rendered.))~~

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.410.210 and 2008 c 176 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The purpose of the professional educator standards board is to
10 establish policies and requirements for the preparation and
11 certification of educators that provide standards for competency in
12 professional knowledge and practice in the areas of certification; a
13 foundation of skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to help
14 students with diverse needs, abilities, cultural experiences, and
15 learning styles meet or exceed the learning goals outlined in RCW
16 28A.150.210; knowledge of research-based practice; and professional
17 development throughout a career. The Washington professional educator
18 standards board shall:

19 (1) Establish policies and practices for the approval of programs
20 of courses, requirements, and other activities leading to educator
21 certification including teacher, school administrator, and educational
22 staff associate certification;

23 (2) Establish policies and practices for the approval of the
24 character of work required to be performed as a condition of entrance
25 to and graduation from any educator preparation program including
26 teacher, school administrator, and educational staff associate
27 preparation program as provided in subsection (1) of this section;

28 (3) Establish a list of accredited institutions of higher education
29 of this and other states whose graduates may be awarded educator
30 certificates as teacher, school administrator, and educational staff
31 associate and establish criteria and enter into agreements with other
32 states to acquire reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs
33 and certification, including teacher certification from the national
34 board for professional teaching standards;

35 (4) Establish policies for approval of nontraditional educator
36 preparation programs;

1 (5) Conduct a review of educator program approval standards at
2 least every five years, beginning in 2006, to reflect research findings
3 and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for teachers,
4 administrators, and school specialized personnel;

5 (6) Specify the types and kinds of educator certificates to be
6 issued and conditions for certification in accordance with subsection
7 (1) of this section and RCW 28A.410.010;

8 ~~(7) ((Hear and determine educator certification appeals as provided
9 by RCW 28A.410.100;~~

10 ~~(8))~~ Apply for and receive federal or other funds on behalf of the
11 state for purposes related to the duties of the board;

12 ~~((9))~~ (8) Adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW that are necessary
13 for the effective and efficient implementation of this chapter;

14 ~~((10))~~ (9) Maintain data concerning educator preparation programs
15 and their quality, educator certification, educator employment trends
16 and needs, and other data deemed relevant by the board;

17 ~~((11))~~ (10) Serve as an advisory body to the superintendent of
18 public instruction on issues related to educator recruitment, hiring,
19 mentoring and support, professional growth, retention, educator
20 evaluation including but not limited to peer evaluation, and revocation
21 and suspension of licensure;

22 ~~((12))~~ (11) Submit, by October 15th of each even-numbered year,
23 a joint report with the state board of education to the legislative
24 education committees, the governor, and the superintendent of public
25 instruction. The report shall address the progress the boards have
26 made and the obstacles they have encountered, individually and
27 collectively, in the work of achieving the goals set out in RCW
28 28A.150.210;

29 ~~((13))~~ (12) Establish the prospective teacher assessment system
30 for basic skills and subject knowledge that shall be required to obtain
31 residency certification pursuant to RCW 28A.410.220 through
32 28A.410.240;

33 ~~((14))~~ (13) By January 2010, set performance standards and
34 develop, pilot, and implement a uniform and externally administered
35 professional-level certification assessment based on demonstrated
36 teaching skill. In the development of this assessment, consideration
37 shall be given to changes in professional certification program
38 components such as the culminating seminar; and

1 (~~(15)~~) (14) Conduct meetings under the provisions of chapter
2 42.30 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this act takes effect August 1,
4 2009."

5 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Retains underlying bill with the following changes:
Removes specific direction regarding how the reduction from 20
board members to 12 board members is to be accomplished.

Clarifies that a majority of board members must have classroom
experience but that it is not necessary that they be currently working
in a classroom.

Provides greater specificity with respect to the membership
criterion regarding a state-approved preparation program, clarifying
that it means a state-approved teacher or educator preparation program.

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