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By Senators Brown, Fain, Rivers, Dammeier, and Cleveland

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the suspension or revocation of
2 certificates or permits to teach based on the fraudulent submission of
3 tests for educators; and amending RCW 28A.410.090.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.090 and 2009 c 396 s 5 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) Any certificate or permit authorized under the provisions of
8 this chapter, chapter 28A.405 RCW, or rules promulgated thereunder may
9 be reprimanded, revoked or suspended by the authority authorized to
10 grant the same based upon a criminal records report authorized by law,
11 or upon the complaint of the professional educator standards board or
12 any school district superintendent, educational service district
13 superintendent, or private school administrator for immorality,
14 violation of written contract, unprofessional conduct, intemperance, or
15 crime against the law of the state. School district superintendents,
16 educational service district superintendents, the professional educator
17 standards board, or private school administrators may file a complaint
18 concerning any certificated employee of a school district, educational
19 service district, or private school and this filing authority is not

1 limited to employees of the complaining superintendent or
2 administrator. Such written complaint shall state the grounds and
3 summarize the factual basis upon which a determination has been made
4 that an investigation by the superintendent of public instruction is
5 warranted.

6 (b) If the superintendent of public instruction has reasonable
7 cause to believe that an alleged violation of this chapter or rules
8 adopted under it has occurred based on a written complaint alleging
9 physical abuse or sexual misconduct by a certificated school employee
10 filed by a parent or another person, but no complaint has been
11 forwarded to the superintendent by a school district superintendent,
12 educational service district superintendent, or private school
13 administrator, and that a school district superintendent, educational
14 service district superintendent, or private school administrator has
15 sufficient notice of the alleged violation and opportunity to file a
16 complaint, the superintendent of public instruction may cause an
17 investigation to be made of the alleged violation, together with such
18 other matters that may be disclosed in the course of the investigation
19 related to certificated personnel.

20 (2) A parent or another person may file a written complaint with
21 the superintendent of public instruction alleging physical abuse or
22 sexual misconduct by a certificated school employee if:

23 (a) The parent or other person has already filed a written
24 complaint with the educational service district superintendent
25 concerning that employee;

26 (b) The educational service district superintendent has not caused
27 an investigation of the allegations and has not forwarded the complaint
28 to the superintendent of public instruction for investigation; and

29 (c) The written complaint states the grounds and factual basis upon
30 which the parent or other person believes an investigation should be
31 conducted.

32 (3) Any certificate or permit authorized under the provisions of
33 this chapter, chapter 28A.405 RCW, or rules adopted thereunder may be
34 reprimanded, revoked or suspended by the authority authorized to grant
35 the same upon complaint from the professional educator standards board
36 alleging unprofessional conduct in the form of a fraudulent submission
37 of a test for educators. The professional educator standards board
38 must issue to the superintendent of public instruction a written

1 complaint stating the grounds and factual basis upon which the
2 professional educator standards board believes an investigation should
3 be conducted pursuant to this section. In all cases under this
4 subsection, the person whose certificate is in question shall be given
5 an opportunity to be heard and has the right to appeal as established
6 in RCW 28A.410.100.

7 (4)(a) Any such certificate or permit authorized under this chapter
8 or chapter 28A.405 RCW shall be revoked by the authority authorized to
9 grant the certificate upon a guilty plea or the conviction of any
10 felony crime specified under RCW 28A.400.322, in accordance with this
11 section. The person whose certificate is in question shall be given an
12 opportunity to be heard.

13 (b) Mandatory permanent revocation upon a guilty plea or the
14 conviction of felony crimes specified under RCW 28A.400.322(1) shall
15 apply to such convictions or guilty pleas which occur after July 23,
16 1989, and before July 26, 2009.

17 (c) Mandatory permanent revocation upon a guilty plea or conviction
18 of felony crimes specified under RCW 28A.400.322(2) shall apply to such
19 convictions or guilty pleas that occur on or after July 26, 2009.

20 (d) Revocation of any certificate or permit authorized under this
21 chapter or chapter 28A.405 RCW for a guilty plea or criminal conviction
22 of a crime specified under RCW 28A.400.322 occurring prior to July 23,
23 1989, shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this
24 section.

25 ((+4)) (5)(a) Any such certificate or permit authorized under this
26 chapter or chapter 28A.405 RCW shall be suspended or revoked, according
27 to the provisions of this subsection, by the authority authorized to
28 grant the certificate upon a finding that an employee has engaged in an
29 unauthorized use of school equipment to intentionally access material
30 depicting sexually explicit conduct or has intentionally possessed on
31 school grounds any material depicting sexually explicit conduct; except
32 for material used in conjunction with established curriculum. A first
33 time violation of this subsection shall result in either suspension or
34 revocation of the employee's certificate or permit as determined by the
35 office of the superintendent of public instruction. A second violation
36 shall result in a mandatory revocation of the certificate or permit.

37 (b) In all cases under this subsection ((+4)) (5), the person
38 whose certificate is in question shall be given an opportunity to be

1 heard and has the right to appeal as established in RCW 28A.410.100.
2 Certificates or permits shall be suspended or revoked under this
3 subsection only if findings are made on or after July 24, 2005. For
4 the purposes of this subsection, "sexually explicit conduct" has the
5 same definition as provided in RCW 9.68A.011.

6 ~~((5))~~ (6) Any such certificate or permit authorized under this
7 chapter or chapter 28A.405 RCW shall be revoked by the authority
8 authorized to grant the certificate upon a finding that the certificate
9 holder obtained the certificate through fraudulent means, including
10 fraudulent misrepresentation of required academic credentials or prior
11 criminal record. In all cases under this subsection, the person whose
12 certificate is in question shall be given an opportunity to be heard
13 and has the right to appeal as established in RCW 28A.410.100.
14 Certificates or permits shall be revoked under this subsection only if
15 findings are made on or after July 26, 2009.

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