

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6388** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

1 ~~((2)(a))~~ (b)(i) Have received a passing grade on the education
2 testing service paraeducator assessment; or
3 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Hold an associate of arts degree; or
4 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Have earned seventy-two quarter credits or forty-
5 eight semester credits at an institution of higher education; or
6 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Have completed a registered apprenticeship program.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. By October 1, 2018, a school district that
8 does not receive funding under Title I of the federal elementary and
9 secondary education act of 1965 must report to the paraeducator board
10 with the following information about paraeducators hired by the
11 school district for the 2018-19 school year, as of September 1, 2018:
12 The total number of paraeducators and the number who meet the minimum
13 employment requirements provided in RCW 28A.413.040.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.413.060 and 2017 c 237 s 7 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) ~~((Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
17 this specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2019,))~~ School
18 districts must implement this section only in school years for which
19 state funding is appropriated specifically for the purposes of this
20 section and only for the number of days that are funded by the
21 appropriation.

22 (2) School districts must provide a four-day fundamental course
23 of study on the state standards of practice, as defined by the board,
24 to paraeducators who have not completed the course, either in the
25 district or in another district within the state. School districts
26 must use best efforts to provide the fundamental course of study
27 before the paraeducator begins to work with students and their
28 families, and at a minimum by the deadlines provided in subsection
29 ~~((2))~~ (3) of this section.

30 ~~((2))~~ (3) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, school
31 districts must provide the fundamental course of study required in
32 subsection ~~((1))~~ (2) of this section ~~((as follows))~~ by the
33 deadlines provided in (a) of this subsection:

34 (a)(i) For paraeducators hired on or before September 1st, by
35 September 30th of that year, regardless of the size of the district;
36 and

37 ~~((b))~~ (ii) For paraeducators hired after September 1st:

1 ~~((i))~~ (A) For districts with ten thousand or more students,
2 within four months of the date of hire; and

3 ~~((ii))~~ (B) For districts with fewer than ten thousand students,
4 no later than September 1st of the following year.

5 ~~((3))~~ (b)(i) For paraeducators hired for the 2018-19 school
6 year, by September 1, 2020; and

7 (ii) For paraeducators not hired for the 2018-19 school year, but
8 hired for the 2019-20 school year, by September 1, 2021.

9 (4) School districts may collaborate with other school districts
10 or educational service districts to meet the requirements of this
11 section.

12 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.413.070 and 2017 c 237 s 8 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) School districts must implement this section only in school
15 years for which state funding is appropriated specifically for the
16 purposes of this section and only for the number of days that are
17 funded by the appropriation.

18 (2)(a) Paraeducators may become eligible for a general
19 paraeducator certificate by completing the four-day fundamental
20 course of study, as required under RCW 28A.413.060, and an additional
21 ten days of general courses, as defined by the board, on the state
22 paraeducator standards of practice, described in RCW 28A.413.050.

23 (b) Paraeducators are not required to meet the general
24 paraeducator certificate requirements under this subsection ~~((1))~~
25 (2) unless ~~((amounts are appropriated for the specific purposes of~~
26 ~~subsection (2) of this section and RCW 28A.413.060))~~ the courses
27 necessary to meet the requirements are funded by the state in
28 accordance with subsection (1) of this section and RCW
29 28A.413.060(1).

30 ~~((2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for~~
31 ~~this specific purpose,))~~ (3) Beginning September 1, 2019, school
32 districts must:

33 (a) Provide paraeducators with general courses on the state
34 paraeducator standards of practice; and

35 (b) Ensure all paraeducators employed by the district meet the
36 general certification requirements of this section within three years
37 of completing the four-day fundamental course of study.

1 (~~(3)~~) (4) The general paraeducator certificate does not expire.

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