

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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PARAEDCUATORS--REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE OF STUDY

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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JAY INSLEE

**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.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**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.

38        ~~((3))~~ (4) The general paraeducator certificate does not expire.

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