
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6297

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Wellman, Wagoner, Wilson, C., Hawkins, Billig, and Zeiger)

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1 AN ACT Relating to recognizing the experience of existing early
2 learning providers to meet educational requirements; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.216 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department must provide persons working as early learning
8 providers on the effective date of this section and who are required
9 to have early childhood education initial certificates or short
10 certificates, or both, the option to meet these requirements through
11 their experience-based demonstrated competence.

12 (2) An existing early learning provider is eligible to
13 demonstrate their competence if the provider:

14 (a) Has been employed by a licensed child care center or home, or
15 both, for a total of seven years by August 1, 2024; and

16 (b) Completed all training that was required during the seven
17 years including in-service requirements and health and safety
18 training.

19 (3) The experience-based demonstrated competence is an individual
20 determination and is portable between facilities.

1 (4) The department must review applications for the experience-
2 based competency demonstration and inform applicants of their results
3 on a quarterly basis.

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