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## State of Washington 66th Legislature 2019 Regular Session

**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Santos, Dolan, Callan, Pollet, Reeves, and Bergquist)

READ FIRST TIME 03/01/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the current and future educator 2 workforce supply through evidence-based strategies to improve and 3 incentivize the recruitment and retention of highly effective 4 grade-level, educators, especially in high-need subject, and geographic areas, and to establish a cohesive continuum of high 5 6 quality professional learning from preparation programs to iob 7 embedded induction, mentoring, collaboration, and other professional 8 development opportunities; amending RCW 28A.415.370, 28A.180.120, 28A.660.035, 28B.10.033, 28B.76.699, 9 28A.660.020, 28A.415.270, 10 28A.630.205, 28B.102.020, 28B.102.030, 28B.102.045, 28B.102.090, 28A.660.045, 28B.102.055, 28B.102.080, 28B.15.558, 11 28A.660.042, 12 28A.415.265, 28A.405.100, 28A.410.278, and 41.32.068; reenacting and 13 amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; 14 adding new sections to chapter 28A.630 RCW; adding new sections to 15 chapter 28A.410 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; 16 adding a new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW; adding new sections to 17 chapter 28B.102 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.660 RCW; 18 adding a new section to chapter 41.35 RCW; adding a new section to 19 28A.400 RCW; creating new sections; recodifying chapter RCW 28A.630.205, 28A.660.042, and 28A.660.045; repealing RCW 28B.102.010, 20 21 28B.102.040, 28B.102.050, 28B.102.060, 28A.660.050, and 28A.660.055; 22 repealing 2016 c 233 s 19 (uncodified); providing expiration dates; 23 and declaring an emergency.

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

2 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. FINDINGS—INTENT. (1) The legislature finds 3 that discrete efforts are being made at state and local levels to 4 address the educator shortage, but these efforts need to be 5 streamlined and performed in concert, in order to enhance the effect 6 of these recruitment and retention strategies.

7 (2) The legislature also reaffirms that excellent, effective educators and educator leaders are essential to the state's ongoing 8 efforts to establish a world-class, globally competitive education 9 10 system. As acknowledged in Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2261 11 548, of 2009), "Teachers, principals, (chapter Laws and 12 administrators must be provided with access to the opportunities they need to gain the knowledge and skills that will enable them to be 13 14 increasingly successful in their classroom and schools. A system that 15 clearly defines, supports, measures, and recognizes effective teaching and leadership is one of the most important investments to 16 be made." 17

18 (3) Therefore, the legislature intends to seize the challenges 19 presented by the educator workforce shortage in Washington to build 20 the capacity of the education system to attract, retain, support, and 21 sustain successful educators through:

22 (a) Intentional recruitment strategies;

23 (b) Expanding educator training programs;

24 (c) Focused financial incentives, assistance, and supports;

- 25 (d) Responsive and responsible retention strategies; and
- 26 (e) Deeper systems evaluation.

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# PART I

# RECRUITMENT—CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUALS

29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 101. FINDINGS—INTENT. (1) The legislature 30 finds that effective educators who share their love of learning 31 inspire students to enter into the education profession. The 32 legislature further finds that every category and level of educator 33 should support and inspire the next generation into careers in 34 education.

1 (2) The legislature finds that a comprehensive effort is needed to repair the disjointed system for attracting persons 2 into certificated educator professions. The legislature acknowledges that 3 Washington is facing a short-term recruitment problem with the 4 immediate need to fill classroom vacancies, but recognizes that it 5 6 must also solve its long-term recruitment problem by creating a pipeline of interested persons entering into, and remaining in, the 7 educator workforce. 8

9 (3) Therefore, the legislature intends to support a multipronged 10 grow-your-own initiative to develop persons from the community, which 11 includes programs that target middle and high school students, 12 paraeducators, military personnel, and career changers who are 13 subject matter experts, and that supports these persons to become 14 educators. The initiative includes:

(a) Improvements to existing programs and activities, including
 the recruiting Washington teachers program, the high school career
 and technical education course called careers in education, and the
 alternative route teacher certification programs; and

(b) Development and implementation of additional programs and activities, including the coordination of existing resources that attract persons with needed skills and abilities, improving standards of practice, and reviewing barriers to recruitment.

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## REGIONAL RECRUITERS

24 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 102. A new section is added to chapter 25 28A.310 RCW to read as follows:

(1) For the purpose of this section, "educator" means a
paraeducator, teacher, principal, administrator, superintendent,
school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, school
nurse, school physical therapist, school occupational therapist, or
school speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

31 (2) An educational service district may employ a person whose 32 duties are to provide to local school districts the following 33 services related to educator recruitment:

34 (a) Serve as a liaison between local school districts and
35 educator preparation programs, between their region and other regions
36 in the state, and between the local school districts and agencies
37 that may be helpful in educator recruitment efforts, including the
38 office of the superintendent of public instruction, the Washington

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1 professional educator standards board, the paraeducator board, the 2 student achievement council, the state board for community and 3 technical colleges, the state department of veterans affairs, the 4 state military department, and the workforce training and education 5 coordinating board;

6 (b) Encourage and support local school districts to develop or 7 expand a recruiting Washington teachers program under RCW 8 28A.415.370, a career and technical education careers in education 9 program, or an alternative route teacher certification program under 10 chapter 28A.660 RCW;

(c) Provide outreach to community members who may be interested in becoming educators, including high school and college students, subject matter experts, and former military personnel and their spouses;

(d) Support persons interested in becoming educators by providing resources and assistance with navigating transition points on the path to a career in education; and

(e) Provide resources and technical assistance to local schooldistricts on best hiring processes and practices.

20 (3) A person employed to provide the services described in 21 subsection (2) of this section must be reflective of, and have an 22 understanding of, the local community.

23 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 103. A new section is added to chapter 24 28A.630 RCW to read as follows:

(1) (a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction must administer the regional educator recruitment program. Grant awards of up to one hundred thousand dollars each must be awarded to the three educational service districts whose school districts have the least access to alternative route teacher certification programs under chapter 28A.660 RCW.

32 (b) Beginning September 1, 2019, the educational service 33 districts in the program must employ a person with the duties and 34 characteristics specified in section 102 of this act. The educational 35 service districts in the program must collaborate with the office of 36 the superintendent of public instruction and the Washington 37 association of educational service districts to prepare the report 38 required in (c) of this subsection.

1 (c) By December 1, 2021, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, 2 in 3 collaboration with the Washington association of educational service districts, must evaluate the program and submit a report to the 4 appropriate committees of the legislature. At a minimum, the report 5 6 must: Summarize the activities of the educational service districts 7 in the program with regard to educator recruitment, including the activities described in section 102 of this act, in comparison to the 8 educator recruitment activities of the educational service districts 9 not participating in the program; include any relevant outcome data 10 11 that is available; and recommend whether the program should be 12 modified, expanded to all educational service districts, or discontinued. 13

14 (2) This section expires July 1, 2022.

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## STUDENTS

16 Sec. 104. RCW 28A.415.370 and 2007 c 402 s 10 are each amended 17 to read as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS-THROUGH THE RECRUITING WASHINGTON TEACHERS 18 19 PROGRAM. (1) (a) The recruiting Washington teachers program is 20 established to recruit and provide training and support for high school students to enter the ((teaching profession)) field of 21 22 education, especially in ((teacher)) shortage areas ((and among 23 underrepresented groups and multilingual, multicultural students)). 24 The program shall be administered by the <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board. 25

26 (b) As used in this section, "shortage area" has the definition 27 in RCW 28B.102.020.

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(2) The program shall consist of the following components:

29 (a) Targeted recruitment of diverse high school students( $(\tau)$ ) 30 including, but not limited to, students from underrepresented groups 31 and multilingual, multicultural students in grades nine through twelve, through outreach and communication strategies. The focus of 32 recruitment efforts shall be on encouraging students to consider and 33 34 explore ((becoming future teachers in mathematics, science, bilingual 35 education, special education, and English as a second language. Program enrollment is not limited to students from underrepresented 36 groups or multilingual, multicultural students)) careers in the field 37 of education; 38

1 (b) A <u>high school</u> curriculum that: Provides future ((teachers)) educators with opportunities to observe classroom instruction at all 2 3 grade levels; includes preteaching internships at all grade levels with a focus on shortage areas; and covers such topics as lesson 4 planning, learning styles, student learning data and information, 5 6 ((the achievement gap)) academic disparities among student subgroups, 7 cultural competency, college success and workforce skills, and education policy; 8

9 (c) Academic and community support services ((for students)) to 10 help ((them)) students overcome possible barriers to becoming future 11 ((teachers)) educators, such as supplemental tutoring; advising on 12 college readiness and college course selection, college applications, 13 and financial aid processes and financial education opportunities; 14 and mentoring. Support services for program participants may continue 15 from high school through the first two years of college; and

16 (d) Future ((teacher)) <u>educator</u> camps held on college campuses 17 where <u>high school</u> students can<u>: Acclimate to the campus, resources,</u> 18 <u>and culture;</u> attend workshops<u>;</u> and interact with college faculty<u>,</u> 19 <u>teacher candidates</u>, and ((<del>current</del>)) <u>certificated</u> teachers.

(3) As part of its administration of the program, the <u>Washington</u>
 professional educator standards board shall:

(a) Develop the curriculum and program guidelines in consultation
 with an advisory group of teachers, representatives of teacher
 preparation programs, teacher candidates, <u>high school</u> students, and
 representatives of diverse communities;

(b) Subject to ((funds)) the availability of amounts appropriated for this <u>specific</u> purpose, allocate grant funds through a competitive process to partnerships of high schools, teacher preparation programs, and community-based organizations to design and deliver programs that include the components under subsection (2) of this section. The board must prioritize grants to partnerships that also have a running start program under chapter 28A.600 RCW; and

(c) Conduct ((an)) <u>periodic</u> evaluations of the effectiveness of current strategies and programs for recruiting ((teachers)) <u>educators</u>, especially multilingual, multicultural ((teachers)) <u>educators</u>, in Washington and in other states. The board shall use the findings from the evaluation to revise the recruiting Washington teachers program as necessary and make other recommendations to teacher preparation programs or the legislature.

1 Sec. 105. RCW 28A.180.120 and 2017 c 236 s 4 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 ((In 2017, funds must be appropriated for the purposes in this
4 section.))

5 (1) The <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board, 6 beginning in the 2017-2019 biennium, shall administer the bilingual 7 educator initiative, which is a long-term program to recruit, 8 prepare, and mentor bilingual high school students to become future 9 bilingual teachers and counselors.

(2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this 10 11 specific purpose, pilot projects must be implemented in one or two 12 school districts east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one or two school districts west of the crest of the Cascade mountains, 13 where immigrant students are shown to be rapidly increasing. 14 Districts selected by the <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards 15 16 board must partner with at least one two-year and one four-year 17 college in planning and implementing the program. The Washington professional educator standards board shall provide oversight. 18

19 (3) Participating school districts must implement programs, including: (a) An outreach plan that exposes the program to middle 20 21 school students and recruits them to enroll in the program when they 22 begin their ninth grade of high school; (b) activities in ninth and 23 tenth grades that help build student agency, such as self-confidence and awareness, while helping students to develop academic mind-sets 24 25 needed for high school and college success; the value and benefits of 26 teaching and counseling as careers; and introduction to leadership, civic engagement, and community service; (c) credit-bearing curricula 27 28 in grades eleven and twelve that include mentoring, shadowing, best practices in teaching in a multicultural world, efficacy and practice 29 of dual language instruction, social and emotional learning, enhanced 30 31 leadership, civic engagement, and community service activities.

32 (4) There must be a pipeline to college using two-year and four-33 year college faculty and consisting of continuation services for 34 program participants, such as advising, tutoring, mentoring, 35 financial assistance, and leadership.

36 (5) High school and college teachers and counselors must be 37 recruited and compensated to serve as mentors and trainers for 38 participating students.

39 (6) After obtaining a high school diploma, students qualify to40 receive conditional loans to cover the full cost of college tuition,

1 fees, and books. To qualify for funds, students must meet program 2 requirements as developed by their local implementation team, which 3 consists of staff from their school district and the partnering two-4 year and four-year college faculty.

(7) In order to avoid loan repayment, students must (a) earn 5 6 their baccalaureate degree and certification needed to serve as a teacher or professional guidance counselor; and (b) teach or serve as 7 a counselor in their educational service district region for at least 8 five years. Students who do not meet the repayment terms in this 9 subsection are subject to repaying all or part of the financial aid 10 they receive for college unless students are recipients of funding 11 12 provided through programs such as the state need grant program or the college bound scholarship program. 13

(8) Grantees must work with the <u>Washington</u> professional educator
standards board to draft the report required in section 6, chapter
236, Laws of 2017.

17 (9) <u>The Washington professional educator standards board must use</u> 18 <u>the findings from the evaluation conducted under RCW 28A.415.370 to</u> 19 <u>revise the bilingual educator initiative as necessary.</u>

20 <u>(10)</u> The <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board may 21 adopt rules to implement this section.

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## CAREER CHANGERS

23 Sec. 106. RCW 28A.660.020 and 2017 c 14 s 1 are each amended to 24 read as follows:

25 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS-THROUGH ALTERNATIVE ROUTES. (1) ((The professional educator standards board shall transition the 26 alternative route partnership grant program from a separate 27 competitive grant program to a preparation program model to be 28 29 expanded among approved preparation program providers.)) (a) 30 Alternative route((s)) programs are partnerships between <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board-approved preparation programs, 31 32 Washington school districts, and other partners as appropriate. 33 Program design of alternative route programs ((shall continue to)) 34 must evolve over time to reflect innovations and improvements in 35 educator preparation.

36 <u>(b)</u> The <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board must 37 construct rules that address the competitive grant process and 38 program design.

1 (2) As provided in RCW 28A.410.210, it is the duty of the 2 <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board to establish 3 policies for the approval of nontraditional preparation programs and 4 to provide oversight and accountability related to the quality of 5 these programs. In establishing and amending rules for alternative 6 route programs, the <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board 7 shall:

8 (a) Uphold <u>design</u> criteria for alternative route program<u>s</u> 9 ((<del>design</del>)) that ((<del>is</del>)) <u>are</u> innovative and reflect((<del>s</del>)) evidence-based 10 practice;

(b) Ensure that approved partnerships reflect district engagement in their resident alternative route program as an integral part of their future workforce development, as well as school and student learning improvement strategies;

15 (c) ((Amend or adopt rules issuing preservice residents 16 certification)) Issue certificates necessary for student teachers to 17 serve as substitute teachers in classrooms within the residency 18 school for up to ten days per school year;

(d) ((Continue to)) Prioritize program designs tailored to the needs of experienced paraeducators and candidates of high academic attainment in, or with occupational industry experience relevant to, the subject area they intend to teach. In doing so the program designs must take into account school district demand for certain teacher credentials;

25 (e) Expand access and opportunity for individuals to become 26 teachers statewide; and

(f) Give preference in admissions to applicants for alternative route programs who are eligible veterans or national guard members and who meet the entry requirements for the alternative route program.

31 (3) Beginning December 1, 2017, and by December 1st each odd-32 numbered year thereafter, the <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board shall report to the education committees of the house 33 of representatives and the senate the following outcomes 34 as indicators that alternative route programs are meeting legislative 35 intent through the regulation and oversight of the <u>Washington</u> 36 professional educator standards board. In considering administrative 37 rules for, and reporting outcomes of, alternative route programs, the 38 39 <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board shall examine the

1 ((historical record of the data, reporting on)) following data on 2 alternative route program participants:

3 (a) The number and percentage ((of alternative route completers))
4 hired <u>as certificated teachers;</u>

5 (b) The percentage ((<del>of alternative route completers</del>)) from 6 underrepresented populations;

7 (c) Three-year and five-year retention rates of ((alternative 8 route completers)) participants hired as certificated teachers;

9 (d) The average hiring dates ((<del>of alternative route completers</del>)); 10 and

11 (e) The percentage ((of alternative route completers)) hired 12 ((in)) by districts ((where)) in which the participants completed 13 their alternative route programs ((was completed)).

(4) ((To the extent funds are)) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, alternative route programs may apply for program funds to pay stipends to trained mentor teachers of interns during the mentored internship. The per intern amount of mentor stipend provided by state funds shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

20 Sec. 107. RCW 28A.660.035 and 2017 c 14 s 2 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

22 COMMUNITY MEMBERS-THROUGH ALTERNATIVE ROUTES. The office of the 23 superintendent of public instruction shall identify school districts 24 that have the most significant ((achievement gaps)) academic disparities among subgroups of students and for large numbers of 25 26 those students, and districts that should receive priority for 27 assistance in advancing cultural competency skills in their workforce. The <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board shall 28 provide assistance to the identified school districts to develop 29 30 partnership ((grant)) programs between the districts and teacher 31 preparation programs to provide alternative route programs under RCW 32 28A.660.020 and to recruit paraeducators and other ((individuals)) persons in the local community to become ((certified)) certificated 33 34 as teachers. An alternative route partnership program proposed by an 35 identified school district shall receive priority eligibility for 36 partnership grants under RCW 28A.660.020. To the maximum extent 37 possible, the board shall coordinate the recruiting Washington teachers program under RCW 28A.415.370 with the alternative route 38 partnership programs under this section. 39

NEW SECTION. Sec. 108. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR SPOUSES-1 REVIEW BARRIERS TO RECRUITMENT. (1) The Washington professional 2 educator standards board shall convene a work group to examine and 3 make recommendations on recruitment of military personnel and their 4 spouses into educator positions within the school districts. For the 5 purpose of this section, "educator" means a paraeducator, teacher, 6 7 principal, administrator, superintendent, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, school physical 8 therapist, school occupational therapist, or school speech-language 9 pathologist or audiologist. 10

11 (2) The members of the work group must include representatives 12 from the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the 13 state department of veterans affairs, the state military department, 14 the United States department of defense, educator preparation 15 programs, and state educator associations, and a superintendent from 16 a school district in the vicinity of a military installation.

17 (3) The work group must review the barriers that exist to former 18 military personnel becoming educators in Washington, including 19 obtaining academic credit for prior learning and financial need.

(4) Staff support for the work group must be provided by theWashington professional educator standards board.

(5) By December 1, 2019, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
 the work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the
 appropriate committees of the legislature.

25 (6) This section expires July 1, 2020.

26 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 109. A new section is added to chapter 27 28A.630 RCW to read as follows:

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PILOT PROGRAM. 28 29 (1) (a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the Washington professional educator standards 30 board shall distribute grants to an educational service district that 31 volunteers to pilot an alternative route teacher certification 32 program, under chapter 28A.660 RCW. The purpose of the grant is to 33 34 provide financial assistance to teacher candidates enrolled in the 35 educational service district's alternative route teacher 36 certification program with the intent to pursue an initial teacher certificate. The Washington professional educator standards board 37 38 must provide a grant sufficient to provide up to five thousand dollars of financial assistance for up to twenty teacher candidates 39

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in the 2019-20 school year and for up to thirty teacher candidates in
 the 2020-21 school year.

3 (b) In piloting the program, the educational service district 4 must:

5 (i) Engage retired or practicing teachers and administrators who 6 are knowledgeable and experienced classroom teachers to inform the 7 development and curriculum of the program;

8 (ii) Provide extended support and mentoring through the first 9 three years of a teacher's career, using the components of the 10 beginning educator support team, under RCW 28A.415.265;

(iii) Support school districts in developing school staff and community members to become teachers, so that the district's teachers better reflect the region's demographics, values, and interests; and

14 (iv) Provide opportunities for classified staff to become 15 teachers.

16 (2) By November 1, 2024, the volunteer educational service 17 district must report to the Washington professional educator 18 standards board with the outcomes of the pilot and any implementing alternative route teacher 19 recommendations for certification programs in other educational service districts. The 20 report must include the following data: (a) The number of teacher 21 22 candidates applying for, and completing, the alternative route teacher certification program; (b) the number of program completers 23 who are hired as teachers, both in the educational service district 24 25 and elsewhere in the state; and (c) the retention of teachers in the educational service district before and after implementation of the 26 pilot. The data must be disaggregated by race and ethnicity, gender, 27 type of endorsement, and school. The report must also include 28 feedback from school principals and teachers in the local school 29 districts on the quality of the teacher candidates they worked with 30 31 during the pilot.

32 (3) By December 1, 2024, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, 33 the Washington professional educator standards board must submit the 34 educational service district's report, required under subsection (2) 35 of this section, to the appropriate committees of the legislature, 36 with recommendations for whether the pilot program should be 37 expanded, modified, or terminated.

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(4) This section expires August 1, 2025.

#### PART II

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# FINANCIAL INCENTIVES, ASSISTANCE, AND SUPPORTS

Sec. 201. FINDINGS-INTENT. (1) The legislature 3 NEW SECTION. 4 finds that financial incentives, assistance, and supports are essential to recruit and retain persons into educator positions 5 within the public common school system. In order to have the most 6 7 impact, these incentives, assistance, and supports must be related 8 explicitly and directly to the legislature's objectives for recruiting and retaining an educator workforce that will best serve 9 diverse student populations, as well as meet the state's short-term 10 11 and long-term educator workforce needs.

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(2) Therefore, the legislature intends to:

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(a) Promote effective incentives, assistance, and supports;

(b) Remove barriers and disincentives; and

(c) Enhance and encourage capacity-building for and coordination between educator preparation programs and the public common school system, especially in underserved areas.

(3) The legislature finds that conditional scholarship and loan 18 repayment programs are effective tools to attract persons into the 19 20 profession of education and to encourage future teachers to seek 21 certifications in shortage areas. Therefore, the legislature intends to utilize conditional scholarships to recruit candidates to meet 22 23 targeted needs in education and to assist with keeping new educators 24 in the profession during the early years of their career. The legislature recognizes that the state need grant does not meet the 25 26 needs of many qualified students, so conditional scholarships are intended to be provided in a "last dollar in" model. The legislature 27 28 also intends for loan repayment programs to help retain certificated educators who are already working in the public common schools. 29

30 (4) The legislature finds that the location and characteristics 31 of a student teacher's field placement are strong predictors of where 32 the teacher takes his or her first job. Therefore, the legislature 33 intends to encourage the appropriate placement of student teachers, 34 especially in high-need subject and geographic areas. In addition, 35 the legislature intends to continue providing grants for student 36 teachers at Title I public common schools.

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#### FIELD PLACEMENTS

1 Sec. 202. RCW 28B.10.033 and 2016 c 233 s 10 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 FIELD PLACEMENT PLANS. (1) ((<del>By July 1, 2018,</del>)) (a) <u>Each</u> ((institution of higher education with a)) <u>Washington</u> professional 4 educator standards board-approved <u>teacher preparation program</u>, 5 6 including an alternative route teacher certification program, must develop a plan describing how the ((institution of higher education)) 7 program will partner with school districts in the general geographic 8 region of the ((school, or where its programs are offered,)) program 9 10 regarding <u>field</u> placement of ((resident)) <u>student</u> teachers. The plans 11 must be developed in collaboration with school districts desiring to 12 partner with the ((institutions of higher education)) programs, and may include use of unexpended federal or state funds to support 13 residencies and mentoring for students who are likely to continue 14 15 teaching in the district in which they have a supervised ((student 16 teaching residency)) field placement.

17 (b) Beginning July 1, 2020, the following goals must be 18 considered when developing the plans required under this section:

19 (i) Field placement of student teachers should be targeted to 20 high-need subject areas, including special education and English 21 learner, and high-need geographic areas, including Title I and rural 22 schools; and

23 (ii) Student teacher mentors should be highly effective as 24 evidenced by the mentors having received level 3 or above on both criteria 3 (recognizing individual student learning needs and 25 developing strategies to address those needs) and criteria 6 (using 26 27 multiple student data elements to modify instruction and improve student learning) on their most recent comprehensive performance 28 evaluation under RCW 28A.405.100. Student teacher mentors should also 29 30 have received or be concurrently receiving professional development in mentoring skills. 31

32 (2) The plans required under subsection (1) of this section must 33 be <u>submitted to the Washington professional educator standards board</u> 34 <u>and updated ((at least biennially)) by July 1st every even-numbered</u> 35 <u>year</u>.

36 <u>(3) The Washington professional educator standards board shall</u> 37 post the plans and updates required under this section on its web 38 site.

1NEW SECTION.Sec. 203.A new section is added to chapter228A.410 RCW to read as follows:

FIELD PLACEMENT PLANS. Each Washington professional educator standards board-approved teacher preparation program, including an alternative route teacher certification program, must develop a plan regarding field placement of student teachers in accordance with RCW 28B.10.033.

8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 204. A new section is added to chapter 9 28A.630 RCW to read as follows:

FIELD PLACEMENT REPORT. By December 1, 2019, and in compliance 10 with RCW 43.01.036, the student achievement council, in cooperation 11 with the Washington professional educator standards board-approved 12 teacher preparation programs, the Washington state school directors' 13 association, and the rural education center at Washington State 14 15 University, must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the 16 legislature. The report must include policy recommendations to encourage or require the Washington professional educator standards 17 board-approved teacher preparation programs to develop relationships 18 with, and provide supervisory support for field placements of student 19 20 teachers in, school districts that are not in the general geographic 21 area of an approved teacher preparation program.

22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 205. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 23 RCW to read as follows:

REMOTE SUPERVISION TECHNOLOGY. (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, Central Washington University shall acquire the necessary audiovisual technology and equipment for university faculty to remotely supervise student teachers in ten schools.

(2) A school selected for the purposes of remote supervision of student teachers under this section must be a rural public school that currently is unable to have student teachers from Central Washington University's teacher preparation program due to its geographic location.

34 Sec. 206. RCW 28B.76.699 and 2016 c 233 s 17 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

36 GRANTS FOR STUDENT TEACHERS AT TITLE I SCHOOLS. (1) Subject to 37 the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose,

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the office shall administer a student teaching ((residency)) grant program to provide additional funds to ((individuals completing)) student ((teaching residencies)) teachers at <u>Title I</u> public <u>common</u> schools in Washington.

5 (2) To qualify for the grant, recipients must be enrolled in a 6 <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board-approved teacher 7 preparation program, be completing or about to start ((<del>a</del>)) student 8 teaching ((residency)) at a Title I <u>public common</u> school, and 9 demonstrate financial need, as defined by the office and consistent 10 with the income criteria required to receive the state need grant 11 established in chapter 28B.92 RCW <u>or applicable rules</u>.

12 (3) (a) Beginning December 1, 2020, and in compliance with RCW 13 43.01.036, the office must submit a biennial report to the 14 appropriate committees of the legislature. The report must provide 15 the following information:

16 (i) Aggregate data on the number of persons who applied for and 17 received the grants awarded under this section, including teacher 18 preparation program type, student teaching school district, and award 19 amount;

20 (ii) To the maximum extent practicable, aggregate data on where 21 grant recipients are teaching two years and five years after 22 obtaining a teacher certificate, and whether grant recipients remain 23 teaching in Title I public common schools; and

24 (iii) Recommendations for modifying the grant program.

25 (b) The education data center must collaborate with the office to 26 provide the data needed for the report required under this section.

27 <u>(4)</u> The office shall establish rules for administering the grants 28 under this section.

29 Sec. 207. RCW 28A.415.270 and 1996 c 233 s 1 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

31 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the Washington state 32 principal internship support program is created beginning in the 1994-95 school year. The purpose of the program is to provide funds 33 to school districts to provide partial release time for district 34 employees who are in a principal preparation program to complete an 35 internship with a mentor principal. Funds may be used in a variety of 36 ways to accommodate flexible implementation in releasing the intern 37 38 to meet program requirements.

1 (2) Participants in the principal internship support program 2 shall be selected as follows:

3 (a) The candidate shall be enrolled in a state board-approved4 school principal preparation program;

5 (b) The candidate shall apply in writing to his or her local 6 school district;

(c) Each school district shall determine which applicants meet 7 its criteria for participation in the principal internship support 8 program ((and shall notify its educational service district of the 9 10 school district's selected applicants. When submitting the names of applicants, the school district shall identify a mentor principal for 11 each principal intern applicant, and shall agree to provide the 12 internship applicant release time not to exceed the equivalent of 13 forty-five student days by means of this funding source; and 14

15 (d) Educational service districts,));

16 (d) Applicants submit their applications to the office of the 17 superintendent of public instruction's designee; and

18 (e) The office of the superintendent of public instruction's 19 designee, with the assistance of an advisory board, shall select 20 internship participants.

(3) The maximum amount of state funding for each internship shall not exceed the actual daily rate cost of providing a substitute teacher for the equivalent of forty-five school days.

24 (4) ((Funds appropriated for the principal internship support program shall be allocated by the superintendent of public 25 instruction to the educational service districts based on the 26 percentage of full-time equivalent public school students enrolled in 27 school districts in each educational service district. If it is not 28 possible to find qualified candidates within the educational service 29 30 district, the positions remain unfilled, and any unspent funds shall 31 revert to the superintendent of public instruction for supplementary 32 direct disbursement.

33 The superintendent of public instruction shall allocate any 34 remaining unfilled positions and unspent funds among the educational 35 service districts that have qualified candidates but not enough 36 positions for them.

37 This subsection does not preclude the superintendent of public 38 instruction from permitting the affected educational service 39 districts to make the supplementary selections.

1 (5)) Once principal internship participants have been selected, 2 the ((educational service districts)) office of the superintendent of 3 public instruction shall allocate the funds to the appropriate school 4 districts. The funds shall be used to pay for partial release time 5 while the school district employee is completing the principal 6 internship.

7 ((<del>(6)</del> Educational service districts may be reimbursed for costs associated with implementing the program. Reimbursement rates shall be determined by the superintendent of public instruction.))

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# BASIC SKILLS AND CONTENT TEST ASSISTANCE

11 Sec. 208. RCW 28A.630.205 and 2016 c 233 s 16 are each amended 12 to read as follows:

13 TEACHER ENDORSEMENT AND CERTIFICATION HELP PROGRAM. (1) ((Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose,)) The teacher endorsement and certification help ((pilot project)) program, known as the TEACH ((pilot)) program, is created. ((The scale of the TEACH pilot is dependent on the level of funding appropriated.))

19 (2) The student achievement council, after consultation with the 20 <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board, shall have the 21 power and duty to develop and adopt rules as necessary under chapter 22 34.05 RCW to administer the ((pilot project)) program described in 23 this section. The rules, which must be adopted by ((August)) <u>November</u> 24 1, ((2016)) 2019, must include:

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(a) A TEACH ((<del>pilot</del>)) grant application process;

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(b) A financial need verification process;

27 (c) The order of priority in which the applications will be 28 approved; and

29 (d) A process for disbursing TEACH ((pilot)) grant awards to 30 selected applicants.

31 (3) A student seeking a TEACH ((pilot)) grant to cover the costs 32 of basic skills and content tests required for <u>initial</u> teacher 33 certification and endorsement must submit an application to the 34 student achievement council, following the rules developed under this 35 section.

36 (4) To qualify for financial assistance, an applicant must meet 37 the following criteria:

(a) Be enrolled in, have applied to, or have completed a
 <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board-approved teacher
 preparation program;

4 (b) Demonstrate financial need, as defined by the office of 5 student financial assistance and consistent with the income criteria 6 required to receive the state need grant established in chapter 7 28B.92 RCW <u>or applicable rules</u>;

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(c) Apply for a TEACH ((<del>pilot</del>)) grant under this section; and

9 (d) Register for an endorsement competency test in one or more 10 endorsement shortage areas, where "shortage area" has the definition 11 <u>in RCW 28B.102.020</u>.

12 (5) Beginning ((September)) November 1, ((2016)) 2019, the student achievement council, in collaboration with the Washington 13 professional educator standards board, shall award a TEACH ((pilot)) 14 grant to a student who meets the qualifications listed in this 15 16 section and in rules developed under this section. The TEACH 17 ((pilot)) grant award must cover the costs of basic skills and content tests required for <u>initial</u> teacher certification. The council 18 19 shall prioritize TEACH ((pilot)) grant awards first to applicants registered for competency tests in endorsement shortage areas and 20 second to applicants with greatest financial need. The council shall 21 22 scale the number of TEACH ((pilot)) grant awards to the amount of 23 funds appropriated for this purpose.

(6) The student achievement council and the <u>Washington</u>
 professional educator standards board shall include information about
 the TEACH ((<del>pilot</del>)) program in materials distributed to schools and
 students.

(7) ((By)) <u>Beginning</u> December ((31, 2018)) <u>1, 2020</u>, and <u>by</u> <u>December 1st each even-numbered year thereafter</u>, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the student achievement council, in collaboration with the <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board, shall submit a ((preliminary)) report to the appropriate committees of the legislature that details the effectiveness and costs of the ((pilot <u>project</u>)) program. The ((preliminary)) report must:

35 (a) <u>Compare the numbers and demographic information of students</u> 36 taking and passing tests in the endorsement shortage areas before and 37 after implementation of the ((pilot project, and)) program;

38 (b) <u>D</u>etermine the amount of TEACH ((<del>pilot</del>)) grant<u>s</u> ((<del>award</del> 39 financial assistance</del>)) awarded each ((<del>pilot</del>)) year and per student((-

1 (8) By December 31, 2020, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, 2 the student achievement council, in collaboration with the 3 professional educator standards board, shall submit a final report to 4 the appropriate committees of the legislature that details the 5 effectiveness and costs of the pilot project. In addition to updating 6 the preliminary report, the final report must (a));

7 <u>(c) Compare the numbers and demographic information of students</u> 8 obtaining teaching certificates with endorsement competencies in the 9 endorsement shortage areas before and after implementation of the 10 ((pilot project,)) program; and

11 (((<del>(b)</del>)) <u>(d) R</u>ecommend whether the ((<del>pilot project</del>)) program 12 should be modified, continued, and expanded.

13 ((<del>(9) This section expires July 1, 2021.</del>))

14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 209. RECODIFICATION. RCW 28A.630.205 is 15 recodified as a section in chapter 28B.76 RCW.

# 16

# EDUCATOR CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 210. INTENT. (1) By amending the financial assistance programs under this chapter, the legislature intends to: (a) Provide assistance to a broad range of educators including, though not exclusively to, certificated teachers; (b) attract and retain potential educators, especially to meet areas of educator shortage; (c) streamline the administration of the programs; and (d) make the use of state appropriations more flexible.

24 (2) The legislature intends for the student achievement council 25 number, the amount, and the type of awards balance the to 26 distributed. When selecting participants and defining the awards, the student achievement council shall consult with stakeholders to: (a) 27 28 Consider the purpose of each financial assistance program; (b) 29 recognize the total cost of attendance to complete an educator 30 preparation program; and (c) consider the needs of the education system, including the need for educators in shortage areas. 31

32 Sec. 211. RCW 28B.102.020 and 2012 c 229 s 562 are each amended 33 to read as follows:

34 DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the 35 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Approved education program" means an education program in ((the state of Washington for knowledge and skills generally learned in preschool through twelfth grade. Approved education programs may include but are not limited to: (a) K-12 schools under Title 28A RCW; or

6 (b) Other K-12 educational sites in the state of Washington as
7 designated by the student achievement council)) a common school as
8 defined in RCW 28A.150.020.

9 (2) <u>"Certificate" or "certificated" does not include a limited or</u> 10 <u>conditioned certificate.</u>

11(3) "Certificated employee" has the definition in RCW1228A.150.203. "Certificated employee" does not include a paraeducator.

13 <u>(4)</u> "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in 14 whole or in part ((<del>if the recipient renders</del>)) <u>in exchange for</u> service 15 as a ((<del>teacher</del>)) <u>certificated employee</u> in an approved education 16 program ((<del>in this state</del>)).

17 (((3) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at 18 least six credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates high academic 19 achievement, is a resident student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and 20 28B.15.013, and has a declared intention to complete an approved 21 preparation program leading to initial teacher certification or 22 required for earning an additional endorsement, and commits to 23 teaching service in the state of Washington.

24 (4) "Equalization fee" means the additional amount added to the 25 principal of a loan under this chapter to equate the debt to that 26 which the student would have incurred if the loan had been received 27 through the federal subsidized Stafford student loan program.))

"Eligible veteran or national guard member" means a 28 (5) Washington domiciliary who was an active or reserve member of the 29 30 United States military or naval forces, or a national guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service, under 31 32 either Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code, in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters or in 33 34 another location in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has received an 35 36 honorable discharge.

37 <u>(6)</u> "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means ((to 38 render)) that all or part of a loan is canceled in exchange for 39 service as a ((teacher)) certificated employee in an approved

1 education program ((in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary
2 repayment)).

3 ((<del>(6)</del>)) <u>(7)</u> "Institution of higher education" or "institution" 4 means a college or university in the state of Washington that is 5 accredited by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule 6 of the student achievement council.

7 ((<del>(7)</del>)) <u>(8)</u> "Loan repayment" means a federal student loan that is 8 repaid in whole or in part if the ((<del>recipient renders service</del>)) 9 <u>borrower serves</u> as a ((<del>teacher</del>)) <u>certificated employee</u> in an approved 10 education program ((<del>in Washington state</del>)).

11 ((<del>(8)</del>)) <u>(9)</u> "Office" means the office of student financial 12 assistance.

13 ((<del>(9)</del>)) <u>(10)</u> "Participant" means ((<del>an eligible student</del>)) <u>a person</u> 14 who has received a conditional scholarship or loan repayment under 15 this chapter.

16 ((<del>(10)</del>)) <u>(11)</u> "Public school" ((means an elementary school, a 17 middle school, junior high school, or high school within the public 18 school system referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution)) 19 has the same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

20 ((<del>(11) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.</del>

(12) "Teacher)) (12) "Shortage area" means ((a shortage of 21 elementary or secondary school teachers in a specific subject area, 22 23 discipline, classification,)) an endorsement or geographic area as defined by the <u>Washington professional educator standards board</u>, in 24 25 consultation with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, with a shortage of certificated employees. "Shortage 26 area" must be defined biennially using quantitative and qualitative 27 28 <u>measures</u>.

29 Sec. 212. RCW 28B.102.030 and 2012 c 229 s 563 are each amended 30 to read as follows:

ADMINISTRATION. ((The future teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program is established. The program shall be administered by the student achievement council.)) In administering ((the)) educator conditional scholarship and loan repayment programs under this chapter, the student achievement council shall have the following powers and duties:

37 (1) Select ((students)) persons to receive conditional 38 scholarships or loan repayments;

39 (2) Adopt necessary rules and guidelines;

(3) Publicize the programs in collaboration with the office of
 the superintendent of public instruction and the Washington
 professional educator standards board;

4 (4) Collect and manage repayments from ((students)) participants
5 who do not meet their ((teaching)) service obligations under this
6 chapter; and

7 (5) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public and 8 private sources for the program<u>s</u>.

9 \*<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 213. A new section is added to chapter 10 28B.102 RCW to read as follows:

11 PARTICIPANT SELECTION. (1) The office, in consultation with the 12 Washington professional educator standards board, shall determine 13 candidate eligibility requirements for educator conditional 14 scholarship and loan repayment programs under this chapter.

(2) (a) Candidate eligibility for educator conditional scholarship and loan repayment programs under this chapter shall be based in part upon whether the candidate plans to teach in a shortage area.

(b) The Washington professional educator standards board shall also consider the relative degree of shortages when determining candidate eligibility and any specific requirements under this chapter.

(3) (a) The Washington professional educator standards board may
 add or remove endorsements from eligibility requirements based upon
 the determination of geographic, demographic, or subject matter
 shortages.

26 (b) If an endorsement in a geographic, demographic, or subject 27 matter shortage no longer qualifies for a conditional scholarship or 28 loan repayment program under this chapter, participants and candidates who have received scholarships and meet all other 29 30 eligibility requirements are eligible continue to to receive 31 conditional scholarships or loan repayments until they no longer meet eligibility requirements or until their service obligation has been 32 completed. 33

34 (4) For eligibility for alternative route conditional 35 scholarships under section 217 of this act, the office, in consultation with the Washington professional educator standards 36 37 board, must consider candidates who have been accepted into an 38 awarded alternative route partnership grant program under chapter 28A.660 RCW and who have declared an intention to teach upon 39

completion of an alternative route teacher certification program
 under chapter 28A.660 RCW.

\*Sec. 213 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

3 Sec. 214. RCW 28B.102.045 and 2004 c 58 s 5 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 CONDITION FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION—SATISFACTORY PROGRESS. To 6 receive additional disbursements under ((the)) <u>a conditional</u> 7 <u>scholarship</u> program ((under)) <u>authorized by</u> this chapter, a 8 participant must be considered by his or her ((institution of higher 9 <u>education</u>)) <u>Washington professional educator standards board-approved</u> 10 <u>educator preparation program</u> to be in a satisfactory progress 11 condition.

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 215. A new section is added to chapter 13 28B.102 RCW to read as follows:

AWARDS. (1)(a) The office is directed to maximize the impact of conditional scholarships and loan repayments awarded under this chapter in light of shortage areas and in response to the trending financial needs of the applicant pool.

(b) In maximizing the impact of the awards, the office may adjust 18 19 the number and amounts of the conditional scholarships and loan repayments made each year. However, the maximum award authorized 20 21 under this chapter is eight thousand dollars per person, per academic 22 year. Beginning in the 2020-21 academic year, the office may adjust the maximum award by the average rate of resident undergraduate 23 tuition and fee increases at the state universities as defined in RCW 24 25 28B.10.016.

(2) The allowable uses of a conditional scholarship under this
chapter include the cost of attendance as determined by the office,
such as tuition, room, board, and books.

(3) The award of a conditional scholarship under this chapter may not result in reduction of a participant's federal or other state financial aid.

32 (4) The office must make conditional scholarship and loan 33 repayment awards from moneys in the educator conditional scholarship 34 account created in RCW 28B.102.080.

35 Sec. 216. RCW 28B.102.090 and 2016 c 233 s 15 are each amended 36 to read as follows:

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1 TEACHER SHORTAGE CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. (1) ((Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific 2 purpose, the office shall develop and administer)) The teacher 3 shortage conditional ((grant program as a subprogram within the 4 future teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program)) 5 6 scholarship program is created. The purpose of the ((teacher shortage 7 conditional grant)) program is to provide financial aid to encourage ((individuals)) persons to become teachers ((by providing financial 8 aid to individuals enrolled in professional educator standards-9 10 approved teacher preparation programs)) and to retain these teachers 11 in shortage areas.

12 (2) ((The office has the power and duty to develop and adopt 13 rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the program 14 described in this section.

15 (3) As part of the rule-making process under subsection (2) of 16 this section, the office must collaborate with the professional 17 educator standards board, the Washington state school directors' association, and the professional educator standards board-approved 18 19 teacher preparation programs to develop a framework for the teacher shortage conditional grant program, including eligibility 20 21 requirements, contractual obligations, conditional grant amounts, and 22 loan repayment requirements.

23 (4) (a) In developing the eligibility requirements, the office 24 must consider: Whether the individual has a financial need, is a first-generation college student, or is from a traditionally 25 underrepresented group among teachers in Washington; whether the 26 27 individual is completing an alternative route teacher certification 28 program; whether the individual plans to obtain an endorsement in a hard-to-fill subject, as defined by the professional educator 29 30 standards board; the characteristic of any geographic shortage area, 31 as defined by the professional educator standards board, that the 32 individual plans to teach in; and whether a school district has committed to offering the individual employment once the individual 33 34 obtains a residency teacher certificate.

35 (b) In developing the contractual obligations, the office must 36 consider requiring the individual to: Obtain a Washington state 37 residency teacher certificate; teach in a subject or geographic 38 endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator 39 standards board; and commit to teach for five school years in an 1 approved education program with a need for a teacher with such an

2 endorsement at the time of hire.

(c) In developing the conditional grant award amounts, the office 3 must consider whether the individual is: Enrolled in a public or 4 private institution of higher education, a resident, in a 5 6 baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate program, or in an alternative 7 route teacher certification program. In addition, the award amounts must not result in a reduction of the individual's federal or state 8 grant aid, including Pell grants, state need grants, college bound 9 10 scholarships, or opportunity scholarships.

11 (d) In developing the repayment requirements for a conditional 12 grant that is converted into a loan, the terms and conditions of the 13 loan must follow the interest rate and repayment terms of the federal 14 direct subsidized loan program. In addition, the office must consider 15 the following repayment schedule:

16 (i) For less than one school year of teaching completed, the loan 17 obligation is eighty-five percent of the conditional grant the 18 student received, plus interest and an equalization fee;

19 (ii) For less than two school years of teaching completed, the 20 loan obligation is seventy percent of the conditional grant the 21 student received, plus interest and an equalization fee;

(iii) For less than three school years of teaching completed, the loan obligation is fifty-five percent of the conditional grant the student received, plus interest and an equalization fee; and

25 (iv) For less than four school years of teaching completed, the 26 loan obligation is forty percent of the conditional grant the student 27 received, plus interest and an equalization fee.

(5) By November 1, 2018, and November 1, 2020, the office shall submit reports, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, to the appropriate committees of the legislature that recommend whether the teacher shortage conditional grant program under this section should be continued, modified, or terminated, and that include information about the recipients of the grants under this program)) To qualify for the program an applicant must:

35 <u>(a) Be accepted into, and maintain enrollment in, a Washington</u> 36 professional educator standards board-approved teacher preparation 37 program leading to an initial teacher certificate; and

38 (b) Intend to pursue an initial teacher certificate with an 39 endorsement in a shortage area.

1 <u>(3)</u> Participants are eligible to receive a teacher shortage 2 conditional scholarship for up to four academic years.

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 217. A new section is added to chapter 4 28B.102 RCW to read as follows:

5 ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. (1) The 6 alternative route conditional scholarship program is created. The 7 purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to 8 encourage persons to become teachers through alternative route 9 teacher certification programs and to retain these teachers in 10 shortage areas.

11 (2) To qualify for the program an applicant must:

(a) Be accepted into, and maintain enrollment in, an alternativeroute teacher certification program under chapter 28A.660 RCW; and

14 (b) Intend to pursue an initial teacher certificate with an 15 endorsement in a shortage area.

16 (3) Participants are eligible to receive an alternative route 17 conditional scholarship for up to two academic years.

18 Sec. 218. RCW 28A.660.042 and 2017 c 237 s 19 are each amended 19 to read as follows:

PIPELINE FOR PARAEDUCATORS CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. (1) 20 21 The pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship program is created. ((Participation is limited to paraeducators without a 22 23 college degree who have at least three years of classroom experience. It is anticipated that candidates enrolled in this program will 24 complete their associate of arts degree at a community and technical 25 26 college in two years or less and become eligible for an endorsement in a subject matter shortage area, as defined by the professional 27 educator standards board, via route one in the alternative routes to 28 29 teacher certification program provided in this chapter.)) The purpose 30 of the program is to support paraeducators who wish to become teachers by providing financial aid for the completion of an 31 associate of arts degree. 32

33 (2) ((Entry requirements for candidates include)) To qualify for 34 the program an applicant must:

35 (a) Not have earned a college degree;

36 <u>(b) Provide documentation:</u>

37 <u>(i) From his or her school</u> district or building ((<del>validation</del>)) of 38 ((<del>qualifications, including three</del>)) <u>one</u> year((<del>s</del>)) of successful

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1 student interaction and leadership as a classified instructional 2 employee; or (ii) Of his or her completion of two years of a recruiting 3 Washington teachers program, established under RCW 28A.415.370; 4 (c) Intend to pursue an initial teacher certificate with an 5 endorsement in a shortage area via a Washington professional educator 6 7 standards board-approved teacher preparation program; and (d) Be accepted into, and maintain enrollment for no more than 8 the equivalent of four full-time academic years at, a community and 9 10 technical college under RCW 28B.50.020. (3) Participants are eligible to receive a pipeline for 11 paraeducators conditional scholarship for up to four academic years. 12 (4) The office must prioritize applicants in the following order: 13 (a) Appl<u>icants recruited and supported by their school districts</u> 14 15 to become teachers; (b) Applicants who completed two years of a recruiting Washington 16

16 (b) Applicants who completed two years of a recruiting Washington 17 teachers program, established under RCW 28A.415.370; and

18 (c) Applicants intending to complete an associate of arts degree
19 in two academic years or less.

20 Sec. 219. RCW 28A.660.045 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 9 s 1 are each 21 amended to read as follows:

EDUCATOR RETOOLING CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. 22 (1)The educator retooling conditional scholarship program is created. 23 24 ((Participation is limited to current K-12 teachers and individuals having an elementary education certificate but who are not employed 25 in positions requiring an elementary education certificate. It is 26 anticipated that candidates enrolled in this program will complete 27 28 the requirements for an endorsement in two years or less.

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(2) Entry requirements for candidates include:

30 (a) Current K-12 teachers shall pursue an endorsement in a 31 subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the 32 professional educator standards board, including but not limited to, 33 mathematics, science, special education, bilingual education, English 34 language learner, computer science education, or environmental and 35 sustainability education.

36 (b) Individuals having an elementary education certificate but 37 who are not employed in positions requiring an elementary education 38 certificate shall pursue an endorsement in a subject or geographic 39 endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator standards board, including but not limited to, mathematics, science, special education, bilingual education, English language learner, computer science education, or environmental and sustainability education.)) The purpose of the program is to increase the number of public school teachers with endorsements in shortage areas.

6 (2) To qualify for the program an applicant must:

7 (a) Hold a current Washington teacher certificate or an expired
 8 Washington teacher certificate issued after 2005;

9 (b) Pursue an additional endorsement in a shortage area; and

10 (c) Use one of the Washington professional educator standards 11 board's pathways to complete the additional endorsement requirements 12 in the equivalent of one full-time academic year.

13 (3) Participants are eligible to receive an educator retooling 14 conditional scholarship for up to two academic years.

15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 220. A new section is added to chapter 16 28B.102 RCW to read as follows:

17 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. 18 (1) The career and technical education conditional scholarship 19 program is created. The purpose of the program is to provide 20 financial aid for nonteachers and teachers to obtain necessary 21 certificates and endorsements through any approved route to become 22 career and technical education teachers.

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(2) To qualify for the program, an applicant must be:

(a) Accepted into, and maintain enrollment in, a Washington
 professional educator standards board-approved teacher preparation
 program; and

(b) Pursuing the necessary certificates and endorsements to teachcareer and technical education courses.

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(3) The office must give priority to applicants who:

(a) Possess a professional license and occupational industry
 experience applicable to the career and technical education
 endorsement being pursued; or

33 (b) Are accepted into an alternative route teacher certification 34 program under RCW 28A.660.020.

(4) Participants are eligible to receive a career and technicaleducation conditional scholarship for up to two academic years.

37 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 221. A new section is added to chapter 38 28B.102 RCW to read as follows: 1 CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP—FORGIVENESS AND REPAYMENT. (1)(a) A 2 conditional scholarship awarded under this chapter is forgiven when 3 the participant fulfills the terms of his or her service obligation. 4 The office shall develop the service obligation terms for each 5 conditional scholarship program under this chapter, including that 6 participants must either:

7 (i) Serve as a certificated employee in an approved education
8 program for two full-time school years for each year of conditional
9 scholarship received; or

10 (ii) Serve as a certificated employee in a shortage area in an 11 approved education program for one full-time school year for each 12 year of conditional scholarship received.

(b) For participants who meet the terms of their service obligation, the office shall forgive the conditional scholarships according to the service obligation terms and shall maintain all necessary records of such forgiveness.

(2) (a) Participants who do not fulfill their service obligation as required under subsection (1) of this section incur an obligation to repay the conditional scholarship award, with interest and other fees. The office shall develop repayment terms for each conditional scholarship program under this chapter, including interest rate, other fees, minimum payment, and maximum repayment period.

(b) The office shall collect repayments from participants who do not fulfill their service obligation as required under subsection (1) of this section. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section must be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment if necessary. The office shall exercise due diligence in maintaining all necessary records to ensure that maximum repayments are collected.

The office shall establish a process for forgiveness, 30 (3) deferment, or forbearance for participants who fail to complete their 31 32 service obligation due to circumstances beyond the participants' control, for example certain medical conditions, military deployment, 33 declassification of a participant's shortage area, or hardship for a 34 35 participant to relocate to an approved education program with a 36 shortage area, provided the participant was serving as a certificated 37 employee in a shortage area in an approved education program.

38 Sec. 222. RCW 28B.102.055 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 180 are each 39 amended to read as follows:

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1 FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR TEACHING SERVICE PROGRAM. (1) Upon documentation of federal student loan indebtedness, 2 3 office may enter into agreements with ((participants)) the certificated teachers to repay all or part of a federal student loan 4 in exchange for teaching service in <u>a shortage area in</u> an approved 5 6 education((al)) program. ((The ratio of loan repayment to years of 7 teaching service for the loan repayment program shall be the same as established for the conditional scholarship program.)) Teachers 8 eligible for loan repayment under this section must hold an 9 endorsement in the content area in which they are assigned to teach 10 during the period of repayment. 11

12 (2) The agreement shall specify the period of time it is in effect and detail the obligations of the office and the participant, 13 including the amount to be paid to the participant. The ratio of loan 14 repayment to years of teaching service for the loan repayment program 15 must be the same as established for the conditional scholarship 16 17 programs under section 221 of this act. The agreement ((may)) must 18 also specify the ((geographic location and subject matter)) shortage 19 area of teaching service for which loan repayment will be provided.

(3) At the end of each school year, a participant under this 20 section shall provide evidence to the office that the requisite 21 22 teaching service has been provided. Upon receipt of the evidence, the 23 office shall pay the participant the agreed-upon amount for one year of full-time teaching service or a prorated amount for less than 24 25 full-time teaching service. To qualify for additional loan 26 repayments, the participant must be engaged in continuous teaching service as defined by the office. The office may approve leaves of 27 28 absence from continuous service and other deferments as may be 29 necessary.

30 (4) The office may, at its discretion, arrange to make the loan 31 repayment directly to the holder of the participant's federal student 32 loan.

33 (5) <u>The office may not reimburse a participant for loan</u> 34 <u>repayments made before the participant entered into an agreement with</u> 35 <u>the office under this section.</u>

36 <u>(6)</u> The office's obligations to a participant under this section 37 shall cease when:

38 (a) The terms of the agreement have been fulfilled;

39 (b) <u>The participant is assigned to teach in a content area in</u> 40 <u>which he or she is not endorsed;</u>

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1 <u>(c)</u> The participant fails to maintain continuous teaching service 2 as determined by the office; or

3 ((<del>(c)</del>)) <u>(d)</u> All of the participant's federal student loans have 4 been repaid.

5 ((<del>(6)</del> The office shall adopt rules governing loan repayments, 6 including approved leaves of absence from continuous teaching service 7 and other deferments as may be necessary.))

8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 223. A new section is added to chapter 9 28B.102 RCW to read as follows:

REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE. Beginning November 1, 2020, and by 10 November 1st each even-numbered year thereafter, the office shall 11 submit a report, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, to the appropriate 12 13 committees of the legislature recommending whether the educator conditional scholarship and loan repayment programs under this 14 15 chapter should be continued, modified, or terminated. The report must 16 include information about the number of applicants for, and 17 participants in, each program. To the extent possible, this information should be disaggregated by age, gender, race and 18 ethnicity, family income, and unmet financial need. The report must 19 20 include information about participant deferments and repayments. The report must also include information on moneys received by and 21 disbursed from the educator conditional scholarship account under RCW 22 28B.102.080 each fiscal year. 23

24 Sec. 224. RCW 28B.102.080 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 182 are each 25 amended to read as follows:

26 CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT. (1) The ((future teachers)) educator 27 conditional scholarship account is created in the custody of the 28 state treasurer. An appropriation is not required for expenditures of 29 funds from the account. The account is not subject to allotment 30 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW except for moneys used for program 31 administration.

(2) The office shall deposit in the account all moneys received 32 for the ((future teachers)) educator conditional scholarship and loan 33 repayment ((program and for conditional loan)) programs under this 34 chapter ((28A.660 RCW)). The account shall be self-sustaining and 35 consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the ((future 36 37 teachers)) educator conditional scholarship and loan repayment programs under this chapter, private contributions to the programs, 38

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1 and receipts from participant repayments from the ((future teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment)) programs((, and 2 conditional loan programs established under chapter 28A.660 RCW)). 3 Beginning July 1, 2004, the office shall also deposit into the 4 account: (a) All funds from the institution of higher education loan 5 6 account that are traceable to any conditional scholarship program for teachers or prospective teachers established by the 7 legislature before June 10, 2004; and (b) all amounts repaid by ((individuals)) 8 9 participants under any such program.

10 (3) Expenditures from the account may be used ((solely for 11 conditional loans and loan repayments to participants in the future 12 teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program 13 established by this chapter, conditional scholarships for 14 participants in programs established in chapter 28A.660 RCW, and 15 costs associated with program administration by the office)) only for 16 the purposes of this chapter.

17 (4) Disbursements from the account may be made only on the 18 authorization of the office.

19 (((5) During the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium, the legislature may 20 transfer from the future teachers conditional scholarship account to 21 the state general fund such amounts as reflect the excess fund 22 balance of the account.))

Sec. 225. RCW 43.79A.040 and 2018 c 260 s 28, 2018 c 258 s 4, 23 24 and 2018 c 127 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows: 25 MANAGEMENT OF TREASURER'S TRUST FUND. (1)Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested, and reinvested by 26 27 the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the state 28 29 treasury, and may be commingled with moneys in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes. 30

31 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust 32 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be 33 known as the investment income account.

(3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to

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1 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of 2 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

3 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings 4 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund 5 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

6 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's 7 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the 8 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial 9 legislative page scholarship account, the Washington advanced college 10 11 tuition payment program account, the Washington college savings 12 program account, the accessible communities account, the Washington achieving a better life experience program account, the community and 13 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund, 14 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the foster care 15 16 scholarship endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund, the contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state 17 combined fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the 18 19 county enhanced 911 excise tax account, the toll collection account, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy 20 account, the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance 21 22 account, the fish and wildlife federal lands revolving account, the 23 natural resources federal lands revolving account, the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship account, the forest health 24 25 revolving account, the fruit and vegetable inspection account, the ((future teachers)) educator conditional scholarship account, the 26 game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science 27 28 scholarship account, the Washington global health technologies and 29 product development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day 30 31 fund, the juvenile accountability incentive account, the law 32 enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local tourism promotion account, the low-income home rehabilitation 33 revolving loan program account, the multiagency permitting team 34 account, the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account, 35 the pilotage account, the produce railcar pool account, the regional 36 transportation investment district account, the rural rehabilitation 37 account, the Washington sexual assault kit account, the stadium and 38 39 exhibition center account, the youth athletic facility account, the 40 self-insurance revolving fund, the children's trust fund, the

1 Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the Washington horse racing commission 2 class C purse fund account, the individual development account 3 program account, the Washington horse racing commission operating 4 account, the life sciences discovery fund, the Washington state 5 6 heritage center account, the reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss account, 7 the school for the blind account, the Millersylvania park trust fund, 8 the public employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the 9 school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, (([the])) 10 11 the public employees' and retirees' insurance account, (({the})) the 12 school employees' insurance account, and the radiation perpetual 13 maintenance fund.

14 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive eighty percent 15 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or 16 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right-of-17 way revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving 18 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high 19 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account, 20 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

(d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period.

(5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 226. REPEALERS. The following acts or parts 32 of acts are each repealed:

33 (1) RCW 28B.102.010 (Intent—Legislative findings) and 2004 c 58 s 34 1 & 1987 c 437 s 1;

35 (2) RCW 28B.102.040 (Selection of participants—Processes— 36 Criteria) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 178, 2008 c 170 s 306, & 2005 c 37 518 s 918;

(3) RCW 28B.102.050 (Award of conditional scholarships and loan
 repayments—Amount—Duration) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 179, 2004 c 58
 s 6, & 1987 c 437 s 5;

4 (4) RCW 28B.102.060 (Repayment obligation) and 2011 1st sp.s. c
5 11 s 181, 2011 c 26 s 4, 2004 c 58 s 7, 1996 c 53 s 2, 1993 c 423 s
6 1, 1991 c 164 s 6, & 1987 c 437 s 6;

7 (5) RCW 28A.660.050 (Conditional scholarship programs— 8 Requirements—Recipients) and 2016 c 233 s 14, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 9 s 2, 9 2015 1st sp.s. c 3 s 4, 2012 c 229 s 507, 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 134, 10 & 2010 c 235 s 505; and

11 (6) RCW 28A.660.055 (Eligible veteran or national guard member— 12 Definition) and 2009 c 192 s 3.

13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 227. RECODIFICATION. RCW 28A.660.042 and 14 28A.660.045 are each recodified as sections in chapter 28B.102 RCW.

15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 228. A new section is added to chapter 16 28A.660 RCW to read as follows:

Nothing in sections 210 through 226 of this act modifies or otherwise affects conditional scholarship or loan repayment agreements under this chapter or chapter 28B.102 RCW existing before the effective date of this section.

21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 229. A new section is added to chapter 22 28B.102 RCW to read as follows:

Nothing in sections 210 through 226 of this act modifies or otherwise affects conditional scholarship or loan repayment agreements under this chapter or chapter 28A.660 RCW existing before the effective date of this section.

## TUITION WAIVERS

28 Sec. 230. RCW 28B.15.558 and 2016 c 233 s 18 are each amended to 29 read as follows:

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30 SPACE AVAILABLE TUITION WAIVERS. (1) The governing boards of the 31 state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State 32 College, and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a 33 portion of the tuition and services and activities fees for state 34 employees as defined under subsection (2) of this section ((and)),

1 teachers( $(_{\tau})$ ) and other certificated instructional staff under 2 subsection (3) of this section, and K-12 classified staff under 3 subsection (4) of this section. The enrollment of these persons is 4 pursuant to the following conditions:

5 (a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on 6 a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created 7 as a result of the registration;

8 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this 9 section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment 10 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports, 11 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics 12 that would affect budgetary determinations; and

13 (c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be 14 charged a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means 16 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following 17 employee classifications:

18 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.0619 RCW;

(b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant tothe exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;

(c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessionalemployees of technical colleges; and

(d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

(3) The waivers available to state employees under this section shall also be available to teachers and other certificated instructional staff employed at public common and vocational schools((, holding or seeking a valid endorsement and assignment in a state-identified shortage area)).

32 (4) The waivers available under this section shall also be 33 available to classified staff employed at ((K-12)) public <u>common</u> 34 schools, as defined in RCW 28A.150.020, when used for coursework 35 relevant to the work assignment <u>or coursework that is part of a</u> 36 <u>teacher preparation program</u>.

37 (5) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may 38 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before 39 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the 40 institution.

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1 (6) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority 2 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state 3 employees in the pool of persons eligible to participate in the 4 program.

5 (7) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions 6 of higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees 7 and employees who are employed half-time or more.

8 (8) Each institution of higher education that awards waivers 9 under this section must report annually to the student achievement 10 council with the number, type, and value of waivers awarded under 11 this section in the prior academic year, and must compare this 12 information with other tuition and fee waivers awarded by the 13 institution.

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#### TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM EXPANSION

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 231. EXPAND ENROLLMENTS IN HIGH-NEED SUBJECTS 16 AND LOCATIONS. The legislature recognizes the important role of 17 teacher preparation programs in addressing the shortages in the educator career continuum. Through the omnibus appropriations act, 18 19 the legislature intends to prioritize the expansion of teacher 20 preparation program enrollments in high-need subjects and high-need 21 locations within the state, taking into consideration the community 22 and technical colleges' capacity to contribute to teacher 23 preparation.

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# PART III RETENTION STRATEGIES

Sec. 301. FINDINGS-INTENT. (1) The legislature 26 NEW SECTION. finds that the most successful education systems have robust, well-27 28 prepared educators and educator leaders, with ample and relevant 29 mentoring and professional learning opportunities appropriate to their roles and career aspirations. Further, the legislature finds 30 that cultivating a public common school system that focuses on the 31 32 growth of educator knowledge, skills, and dispositions to help 33 students perform at high levels not only supports better professional practice, but results in greater professional satisfaction for 34 35 educators.

1 (2) The legislature finds that excessively rigid policies have had the unintended consequence of preventing qualified and effective 2 3 educators from remaining in the common schools. Barriers to educator retention, such as lack of induction and mentoring for beginning 4 educators, a complicated and burdensome certification system, and 5 6 frequent comprehensive performance evaluation requirements must be addressed. The legislature acknowledges that a substantial step 7 towards reducing the barriers of complicated and burdensome 8 certification requirements was taken in chapter 26, Laws of 2017 by 9 creating a flexible option for renewing teacher and administrator 10 certificates. However, continued legislative review and refinement of 11 12 the link between certification programs, effective pedagogy, and professional satisfaction is necessary to strengthen educator 13 retention efforts. 14

15 (3) Further efforts can also focus on the improvement of working 16 conditions within schools and school districts. The legislature 17 acknowledges that the demands on educators must be balanced with an encouragement of their excitement for the profession. The legislature 18 19 intends to expand upon successful educator induction and mentoring programs such as the beginning educator support team program, and to 20 21 streamline the teacher and principal evaluation program requirements 22 for the highest performing educators.

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# BEGINNING EDUCATOR SUPPORT

24 Sec. 302. RCW 28A.415.265 and 2016 c 233 s 11 are each amended 25 to read as follows:

(1) For the purposes of this section, a mentor <u>educator</u> is ((an
 educator)) <u>a teacher</u>, educational staff associate, or principal who:

(a) Has ((achieved appropriate)) successfully completed training in assisting, coaching, and advising beginning principals, beginning educational staff associates, beginning teachers, or student ((teaching residents)) teachers as defined by the office of the superintendent of public instruction((, such as national board certification or other specialized training));

34 (b) Has been selected using mentor standards developed by the 35 office of the superintendent of public instruction; and

36 <u>(c) Is participating in ongoing mentor skills professional</u> 37 <u>development</u>.

1 (2) (a) The <u>beginning</u> educator support <u>team</u> program is established to provide professional development and ((mentor support)) mentoring 2 for beginning ((educators)) principals, beginning educational staff 3 associates, beginning teachers, and candidates in alternative route 4 teacher certification programs under chapter 28A.660 5 RCW 6 ((28A.660.040, and educators on probation under RCW 28A.405.100, to be composed of the beginning educator support team for beginning 7 educators and continuous improvement coaching for educators on 8 probation, as provided in this section)). 9

10 (b) The superintendent of public instruction shall notify school 11 districts about the <u>beginning</u> educator support <u>team</u> program and 12 encourage districts to apply for program funds.

(3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this 13 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public 14 15 instruction shall allocate funds for the beginning educator support team program on a competitive basis to individual school districts 16 17 ((<del>or</del>)), consortia of districts, or state-tribal compact schools. ((School districts are encouraged to include educational service 18 19 districts in creating regional consortia.)) In allocating funds, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall give 20 21 priority to:

(a) ((School districts with low-performing schools identified under RCW 28A.657.020 as being challenged schools in need of improvement; and)) Schools and districts identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement as required under the federal elementary and secondary education act;

(b) School districts with a large influx of beginning principals,
 beginning educational staff associates, or beginning classroom
 teachers; and

30 (c) School districts that demonstrate an understanding of the 31 research-based standards for beginning educator induction developed 32 by the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

33 (4) A portion of the appropriated funds may be used for program 34 coordination and provision of statewide or regional professional 35 development through the office of the superintendent of public 36 instruction.

37 (5) A beginning educator support team <u>program</u> must include the 38 following components:

(a) A paid <u>instructional</u> orientation or individualized assistance
 before the start of the school year for ((<del>beginning educators</del>))
 <u>program participants</u>;

(b) ((Assignment of)) <u>A</u> trained and qualified mentor <u>assigned to</u>
<u>each program participant</u> for ((the first)) <u>up to</u> three years ((for
<u>beginning educators</u>)), with intensive support in the first year and
decreasing support ((over the following)) <u>in subsequent</u> years
((depending on the needs of the beginning educator));

- 9 (c) A goal to provide ((beginning teachers)) program participants 10 from underrepresented populations with a mentor who has strong ties 11 to underrepresented populations;
- 12 (d) <u>Ongoing professional development ((for beginning educators</u> 13 that is)) designed to meet ((their)) the unique needs <u>of each program</u> 14 <u>participant</u> for supplemental training and skill development;
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(e) Initial and ongoing professional development for mentors;

(f) Release time for mentors and ((their designated educators))
program participants to work together, as well as time for
((educators)) program participants to observe accomplished peers;
((and))

20 (g) <u>To the extent possible, a school or classroom assignment that</u> 21 <u>is appropriate for a beginning principal, beginning educational staff</u> 22 <u>associate, or beginning teacher;</u>

23 (h) Nonevaluative observations with written feedback for program 24 participants;

25 (i) Support in understanding and participating in the state and 26 district evaluation process and using the instructional framework, 27 leadership framework, or both, to promote growth;

28 (j) Adherence to research-based standards for beginning educator 29 induction developed by the office of the superintendent of public 30 instruction; and

31 (k) A program evaluation that identifies program strengths and 32 gaps using ((a standard evaluation tool provided from the office of 33 the superintendent of public instruction that measures increased 34 knowledge, skills)) the standards for beginning educator induction, 35 the retention of beginning educators, and positive impact on student 36 ((learning)) growth for program participants.

37 (6) ((Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for 38 this specific purpose,)) The beginning educator support team program 39 components under subsection (((3))) (5) of this section may be

provided for continuous improvement coaching to support educators on probation under RCW 28A.405.100.

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#### EVALUATIONS

4 Sec. 303. RCW 28A.405.100 and 2012 c 35 s 1 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

(1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the 6 superintendent of public instruction shall establish and may amend 7 from time to time minimum criteria for the evaluation of the 8 professional performance capabilities and development of certificated 9 10 classroom teachers and certificated support personnel. For classroom teachers the criteria shall be developed in the following categories: 11 Instructional skill; classroom management, professional preparation 12 and scholarship; effort toward improvement when needed; the handling 13 14 of student discipline and attendant problems; and interest in 15 teaching pupils and knowledge of subject matter.

(b) Every board of directors shall, in accordance with procedure 16 17 provided in RCW 41.59.010 through 41.59.170, 41.59.910, and 41.59.920, establish evaluative criteria and procedures for all 18 19 certificated classroom teachers and certificated support personnel. The evaluative criteria must contain as a minimum the criteria 20 established by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to 21 this section and must be prepared within six months following 22 23 adoption of the superintendent of public instruction's minimum criteria. The district must certify to the superintendent of public 24 instruction that evaluative criteria have been so prepared by the 25 district. 26

(2) (a) ((Pursuant to the implementation schedule established in subsection (7)(c) of this section,)) Every board of directors shall, in accordance with procedures provided in RCW 41.59.010 through 41.59.170, 41.59.910, and 41.59.920, establish ((revised)) evaluative criteria and a four-level rating system for all certificated classroom teachers.

(b) The minimum criteria shall include: (i) Centering instruction on high expectations for student achievement; (ii) demonstrating effective teaching practices; (iii) recognizing individual student learning needs and developing strategies to address those needs; (iv) providing clear and intentional focus on subject matter content and curriculum; (v) fostering and managing a safe, positive learning

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1 environment; (vi) using multiple student data elements to modify instruction and improve student learning; (vii) communicating and 2 collaborating with parents and the school community; and (viii) 3 exhibiting collaborative and collegial practices focused on improving 4 instructional practice and student learning. Student growth data must 5 6 be a substantial factor in evaluating the ((summative)) performance of certificated classroom teachers for at least three of the 7 evaluation criteria listed in this subsection. 8

The four-level rating system used to evaluate 9 (C) the certificated classroom teacher must describe performance along a 10 continuum that indicates the extent to which the criteria have been 11 met or exceeded. The ((summative)) performance ratings shall be as 12 follows: Level 1 - unsatisfactory; level 2 - basic; level 3 -13 proficient; and level 4 - distinguished. A classroom teacher shall 14 receive one of the four ((summative)) performance ratings for each of 15 the minimum criteria in (b) of this subsection and one of the four 16 17 ((summative)) performance ratings for the evaluation as a whole, which shall be the comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance 18 rating.  $((\frac{By December 1, 2012}{December 1}))$  <u>The</u> superintendent of public 19 instruction must adopt rules prescribing a common method for 20 21 calculating the comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance rating for each of the preferred instructional frameworks, including 22 23 for a focused performance evaluation under subsection (12) of this section, giving appropriate weight to the indicators evaluated under 24 25 each criteria and maximizing rater agreement among the frameworks.

((<del>By December 1, 2012,</del>)) The superintendent of public 26 (d) 27 instruction shall adopt rules that provide descriptors for each of 28 the ((summative)) performance ratings((, based on the development work of pilot school districts under subsection (7) of this section. 29 Any subsequent changes to the descriptors by the superintendent may 30 31 only be)) with updates to the rules made following consultation with ((a group broadly reflective of the parties represented)) the 32 steering committee described in subsection (7) (a) (i) of this section. 33

(e) ((By September 1, 2012,)) The superintendent of public instruction shall identify up to three preferred instructional frameworks that support the ((revised)) four-level rating evaluation system. The instructional frameworks shall be research-based and establish definitions or rubrics for each of the four ((summative)) performance ratings for each evaluation criteria. Each school district must adopt one of the preferred instructional frameworks and

post the selection on the district's web site. The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a process for approving minor modifications or adaptations to a preferred instructional framework that may be proposed by a school district.

(f) Student growth data that is relevant to the teacher and 5 6 subject matter must be a factor in the evaluation process and must be 7 based on multiple measures that can include classroom-based, schoolbased, district-based, and state-based tools. Student growth data 8 elements may include the teacher's performance as a member of a 9 grade-level, subject matter, or other instructional team within a 10 11 school when the use of this data is relevant and appropriate. Student 12 growth data elements may also include the teacher's performance as a member of the overall instructional team of a school when use of this 13 data is relevant and appropriate. As used in this subsection, 14 "student growth" means the change in student achievement between two 15 16 points in time.

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(g) Student input may also be included in the evaluation process.

18 (3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (11) of this section, it 19 shall be the responsibility of a principal or his or her designee to evaluate all certificated personnel in his or her school. During each 20 21 school year all classroom teachers and certificated support personnel 22 shall be observed for the purposes of evaluation at least twice in the performance of their assigned duties. Total observation time for 23 each employee for each school year shall be not less than sixty 24 25 minutes. An employee in the third year of provisional status as defined in RCW 28A.405.220 shall be observed at least three times in 26 the performance of his or her duties and the total observation time 27 28 for the school year shall not be less than ninety minutes. Following each observation, or series of observations, the principal or other 29 evaluator shall promptly document the results of the observation in 30 31 writing, and shall provide the employee with a copy thereof within 32 three days after such report is prepared. New employees shall be observed at least once for a total observation time of thirty minutes 33 during the first ninety calendar days of their employment period. 34

35 (b) As used in this subsection and subsection (4) of this 36 section, "employees" means classroom teachers and certificated 37 support personnel except where otherwise specified.

38 (4) (a) At any time after October 15th, an employee whose work is 39 not judged satisfactory based on district evaluation criteria shall 40 be notified in writing of the specific areas of deficiencies along

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1 with a reasonable program for improvement. For classroom teachers who ( (have been transitioned to the revised evaluation system pursuant to 2 the district implementation schedule adopted under subsection (7)(c) 3 of this section)) are required to be on the four-level rating 4 following evaluation system, the comprehensive ((summative 5 6 evaluation)) performance ratings based on the evaluation criteria in subsection (2)(b) of this section mean a classroom teacher's work is 7 not judged satisfactory: 8

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(i) Level 1; or

10 (ii) Level 2 if the classroom teacher is a continuing contract 11 employee under RCW 28A.405.210 with more than five years of teaching 12 experience and if the level 2 comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) 13 performance rating has been received for two consecutive years or for 14 two years within a consecutive three-year time period.

15 (b) During the period of probation, the employee may not be 16 transferred from the supervision of the original evaluator. 17 Improvement of performance or probable cause for nonrenewal must occur and be documented by the original evaluator before any 18 19 consideration of a request for transfer or reassignment as contemplated by either the individual or the school district. A 20 21 probationary period of sixty school days shall be established. Days 22 may be added if deemed necessary to complete a program for 23 improvement and evaluate the probationer's performance, as long as the probationary period is concluded before May 15th of the same 24 25 school year. The probationary period may be extended into the 26 following school year if the probationer has five or more years of teaching experience and has a comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) 27 28 performance rating as of May 15th of less than level 2. The establishment of a probationary period does not adversely affect the 29 contract status of an employee within the meaning of RCW 28A.405.300. 30 31 The purpose of the probationary period is to give the employee 32 opportunity to demonstrate improvements in his or her areas of deficiency. The establishment of the probationary period and the 33 giving of the notice to the employee of deficiency shall be by the 34 school district superintendent and need not be submitted to the board 35 of directors for approval. During the probationary period the 36 evaluator shall meet with the employee at least twice monthly to 37 supervise and make a written evaluation of the progress, if any, made 38 39 by the employee. The evaluator may authorize one additional 40 certificated employee to evaluate the probationer and to aid the

employee in improving his or her areas of deficiency. Should the 1 evaluator not authorize such additional evaluator, the probationer 2 may request that an additional certificated employee evaluator become 3 part of the probationary process and this request must be implemented 4 by including an additional experienced evaluator assigned by the 5 6 educational service district in which the school district is located and selected from a list of evaluation specialists compiled by the 7 educational service district. Such additional certificated employee 8 shall be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be 9 10 incurred or imposed with regard to the good faith performance of such evaluation. If a procedural error occurs in the implementation of a 11 12 program for improvement, the error does not invalidate the probationer's plan for improvement or evaluation activities unless 13 the error materially affects the effectiveness of the plan or the 14 15 ability to evaluate the probationer's performance. The probationer 16 must be removed from probation if he or she has demonstrated 17 improvement to the satisfaction of the evaluator in those areas specifically detailed in his or her initial notice of deficiency and 18 19 subsequently detailed in his or her program for improvement. A classroom teacher who ((has been transitioned to the revised 20 21 evaluation system pursuant to the district implementation schedule adopted under subsection (7)(c) of this section)) is required to be 22 23 on the four-level rating evaluation system must be removed from probation if he or she has demonstrated improvement that results in a 24 25 new comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance rating of 26 level 2 or above for a provisional employee or a continuing contract 27 employee with five or fewer years of experience, or of level 3 or 28 above for a continuing contract employee with more than five years of 29 experience. Lack of necessary improvement during the established probationary period, as specifically documented in writing with 30 31 notification to the probationer constitutes grounds for a finding of 32 probable cause under RCW 28A.405.300 or 28A.405.210.

33 (c) When a continuing contract employee with five or more years experience receives a comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) 34 of performance rating below level 2 for two consecutive years, the 35 school district shall, within ten days of the completion of the 36 37 second ((summative)) comprehensive ((fcomprehensive summative])) performance evaluation or May 15th, whichever occurs first, implement 38 39 the employee notification of discharge as provided in RCW 40 28A.405.300.

1 (d) Immediately following the completion of a probationary period that does not produce performance changes detailed in the initial 2 3 notice of deficiencies and program for improvement, the employee may be removed from his or her assignment and placed into an alternative 4 assignment for the remainder of the school year. In the case of a 5 6 classroom teacher who ((has been transitioned to the revised evaluation system pursuant to the district implementation schedule 7 adopted under subsection (7)(c) of this section)) is required to be 8 on the four-level rating evaluation system, the teacher may be 9 removed from his or her assignment and placed into an alternative 10 assignment for the remainder of the school year immediately following 11 12 the completion of a probationary period that does not result in the required comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance ratings 13 specified in (b) of this subsection. This reassignment may not 14 displace another employee nor may it adversely affect the 15 16 probationary employee's compensation or benefits for the remainder of 17 the employee's contract year. If such reassignment is not possible, 18 the district may, at its option, place the employee on paid leave for 19 the balance of the contract term.

(5) Every board of directors shall establish evaluative criteria 20 21 and procedures for all superintendents, principals, and other administrators. It shall be the responsibility of the district 22 23 superintendent or his or her designee to evaluate all administrators. Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, such evaluation 24 25 shall be based on the administrative position job description. Such 26 criteria, when applicable, shall include at least the following categories: Knowledge of, experience in, and training in recognizing 27 good professional performance, capabilities and development; school 28 29 administration and management; school finance; professional preparation and scholarship; effort toward improvement when needed; 30 31 interest in pupils, employees, patrons and subjects taught in school; 32 leadership; and ability and performance of evaluation of school 33 personnel.

34 (6) (a) ((Pursuant to the implementation schedule established by 35 subsection (7) (b) of this section,)) Every board of directors shall 36 establish ((revised)) evaluative criteria and a four-level rating 37 system for principals.

38 (b) The minimum criteria shall include: (i) Creating a school 39 culture that promotes the ongoing improvement of learning and 40 teaching for students and staff; (ii) demonstrating commitment to

1 closing the achievement gap; (iii) providing for school safety; (iv) leading the development, implementation, and evaluation of a data-2 driven plan for increasing student achievement, including the use of 3 multiple student data elements; (v) assisting instructional staff 4 with alignment of curriculum, instruction, and assessment with state 5 6 and local district learning goals; (vi) monitoring, assisting, and evaluating effective instruction and assessment practices; (vii) 7 managing both staff and fiscal resources to support student 8 achievement and legal responsibilities; and (viii) partnering with 9 the school community to promote student learning. Student growth data 10 11 must be a substantial factor in evaluating the ((summative)) 12 performance of the principal for at least three of the evaluation criteria listed in this subsection. 13

(c) The four-level rating system used to evaluate the principal 14 must describe performance along a continuum that indicates the extent 15 16 to which the criteria have been met or exceeded. The ((summative)) 17 performance ratings shall be as follows: Level 1 - unsatisfactory; level 2 - basic; level 3 - proficient; and level 4 - distinguished. A 18 principal shall receive one of the four ((summative)) performance 19 ratings for each of the minimum criteria in (b) of this subsection 20 and one of the four ((summative)) performance ratings for the 21 evaluation as a whole, which shall be the comprehensive ((summative 22 23 evaluation)) performance rating.

((<del>By December 1, 2012,</del>)) <u>The</u> superintendent of public 24 (d) 25 instruction shall adopt rules that provide descriptors for each of the ((summative)) performance ratings, ((based on the development 26 work of pilot school districts under subsection (7) of this section. 27 28 Any subsequent changes to the descriptors by the superintendent may only be)) with updates to the rules made following consultation with 29 ((a group broadly reflective of the parties represented)) the 30 31 steering committee described in subsection (7) (a) (i) of this section.

32 (e) ((<del>By September 1, 2012,</del>)) <u>The</u> superintendent of public 33 instruction shall identify up to three preferred leadership frameworks that support the ((revised)) four-level rating evaluation 34 system. The leadership frameworks shall be research-based and 35 establish definitions or rubrics for each of the four performance 36 ratings for each evaluation criteria. Each school district shall 37 adopt one of the preferred leadership frameworks and post the 38 39 selection on the district's web site. The superintendent of public 40 instruction shall establish a process for approving minor

1 modifications or adaptations to a preferred leadership framework that 2 may be proposed by a school district.

3 (f) Student growth data that is relevant to the principal must be 4 a factor in the evaluation process and must be based on multiple 5 measures that can include classroom-based, school-based, district-6 based, and state-based tools. As used in this subsection, "student 7 growth" means the change in student achievement between two points in 8 time.

9 (g) Input from building staff may also be included in the 10 evaluation process.

(h) ((For principals who have been transitioned to the revised evaluation system pursuant to the district implementation schedule adopted under subsection (7)(c) of this section,)) <u>The</u> following comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance ratings mean a principal's work is not judged satisfactory:

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(i) Level 1; or

(ii) Level 2 if the principal has more than five years of experience in the principal role and if the level 2 comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance rating has been received for two consecutive years or for two years within a consecutive three-year time period.

((The superintendent of public instruction, in 22 (7)(a) 23 collaboration with state associations representing teachers, principals, administrators, school board members, and parents, to be 24 25 known as the steering committee, shall create models for implementing the evaluation system criteria, student growth tools, professional 26 development programs, and evaluator training for certificated 27 28 classroom teachers and principals. Human resources specialists, professional development experts, and assessment experts must also be 29 30 consulted. Due to the diversity of teaching assignments and the many 31 developmental levels of students, classroom teachers and principals 32 must be prominently represented in this work. The models must be available for use in the 2011-12 school year. 33

34 (b) A new certificated classroom teacher evaluation system that 35 implements the provisions of subsection (2) of this section and a new 36 principal evaluation system that implements the provisions of 37 subsection (6) of this section shall be phased-in beginning with the 38 2010-11 school year by districts identified in (d) of this subsection 39 and implemented in all school districts beginning with the 2013-14 40 school year.

(c) Each school district board of directors shall adopt a 1 schedule for implementation of the revised evaluation systems that 2 transitions a portion of classroom teachers and principals in the 3 district to the revised evaluation systems each year beginning no 4 later than the 2013-14 school year, until all classroom teachers and 5 principals are being evaluated under the revised evaluation systems 6 7 no later than the 2015-16 school year. A school district is not precluded from completing the transition of all classroom teachers 8 and principals to the revised evaluation systems before the 2015-16 9 10 school year. The schedule adopted under this subsection (7)(c) must provide that the following employees are transitioned to the revised 11 evaluation systems beginning in the 2013-14 school year: 12 13 (i) Classroom teachers who are provisional employees under RCW 14 28A.405.220; (ii) Classroom teachers who are on probation under subsection (4) 15 16 of this section; 17 (iii) Principals in the first three consecutive school years of 18 employment as a principal; 19 (iv) Principals whose work is not judged satisfactory in their 20 most recent evaluation; and 21 (v) Principals previously employed as a principal by another school district in the state of Washington for three or more 22 consecutive school years and in the first full year as a principal in 23 24 the school district.

25 (d) A set of school districts shall be selected by the superintendent of public instruction to participate in a 26 27 collaborative process resulting in the development and piloting of 28 new certificated classroom teacher and principal evaluation systems during the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. These school districts 29 30 must be selected based on: (i) The agreement of the local 31 associations representing classroom teachers and principals to collaborate with the district in this developmental work and (ii) the 32 agreement to participate in the full range of development and 33 implementation activities, including: Development of rubrics for the 34 35 evaluation criteria and ratings in subsections (2) and (6) of this section; identification of or development of appropriate multiple 36 measures of student growth in subsections (2) and (6) of this 37 38 section; development of appropriate evaluation system forms; participation in professional development for principals and 39 40 classroom teachers regarding the content of the new evaluation

1 system; participation in evaluator training; and participation in activities to evaluate the effectiveness of the new systems and 2 support programs. The school districts must submit to the office of 3 the superintendent of public instruction data that is used in 4 evaluations and all district-collected student achievement, aptitude, 5 and growth data regardless of whether the data is used in 6 evaluations. If the data is not available electronically, the 7 district may submit it in nonelectronic form. The superintendent of 8 9 public instruction must analyze the districts' use of student data in 10 evaluations, including examining the extent that student data is not 11 used or is underutilized. The superintendent of public instruction must also consult with participating districts and stakeholders, 12 13 recommend appropriate changes, and address statewide implementation 14 issues. The superintendent of public instruction shall report evaluation system implementation status, evaluation data, and 15 recommendations to appropriate committees of the legislature and 16 governor by July 1, 2011, and at the conclusion of the development 17 phase by July 1, 2012. In the July 1, 2011, report, the 18 superintendent shall include recommendations for whether a single 19 20 statewide evaluation model should be adopted, whether modified 21 versions developed by school districts should be subject to state 22 approval, and what the criteria would be for determining if a school district's evaluation model meets or exceeds a statewide model. The 23 report shall also identify challenges posed by requiring a state 24 25 approval process.

26 (e) (i) The steering committee in subsection (7) (a) of this 27 section and the pilot school districts in subsection (7) (d) of this 28 section shall continue to examine implementation issues and refine 29 tools for the new certificated classroom teacher evaluation system in 30 subsection (2) of this section and the new principal evaluation 31 system in subsection (6) of this section during the 2013-14 through 32 2015-16 implementation phase.

33 (ii) Particular attention shall be given to the following issues: 34 (A) Developing a report for the legislature and governor, due by 35 December 1, 2013, of best practices and recommendations regarding how 36 teacher and principal evaluations and other appropriate elements 37 shall inform school district human resource and personnel practices. 38 The legislature and governor are provided the opportunity to review 39 the report and recommendations during the 2014 legislative session; 1 (B) Taking the new teacher and principal evaluation systems to 2 scale and the use of best practices for statewide implementation;

3 (C) Providing guidance regarding the use of student growth data
4 to assure it is used responsibly and with integrity;

5 (D) Refining evaluation system management tools, professional 6 development programs, and evaluator training programs with an 7 emphasis on developing rater reliability;

8 (E) Reviewing emerging research regarding teacher and principal 9 evaluation systems and the development and implementation of 10 evaluation systems in other states;

11 (F) Reviewing the impact that variable demographic 12 characteristics of students and schools have on the objectivity, 13 reliability, validity, and availability of student growth data; and

14 (G) Developing recommendations regarding how teacher evaluations 15 could inform state policies regarding the criteria for a teacher to 16 obtain continuing contract status under RCW 28A.405.210. In 17 developing these recommendations the experiences of school districts 18 and teachers during the evaluation transition phase must be 19 considered. Recommendations must be reported by July 1, 2016, to the 20 legislature and the governor.

21 (iii) To support the tasks in (e)(ii) of this subsection, the 22 superintendent of public instruction may contract with an independent 23 research organization with expertise in educator evaluations and 24 knowledge of the revised evaluation systems being implemented under 25 this section.

26 (iv)) (i) The steering committee is composed of the following 27 participants: State associations representing teachers, principals, 28 administrators, school board members, and parents.

(ii) The superintendent of public instruction, in collaboration with the steering committee, shall periodically examine implementation issues and refine tools for the teacher and principal four-level rating evaluation systems, including professional learning that addresses issues of equity through the lens of the selected instructional and leadership frameworks.

35 <u>(b)</u> The superintendent of public instruction shall monitor the 36 statewide implementation of ((revised)) teacher and principal <u>four-</u> 37 <u>level rating</u> evaluation systems using data reported under RCW 38 28A.150.230 as well as periodic input from focus groups of 39 administrators, principals, and teachers.

1 (((v) The superintendent of public instruction shall submit reports detailing findings, emergent issues or trends, 2 recommendations from the steering committee, and pilot school 3 districts, and other recommendations, to enhance implementation and 4 continuous improvement of the revised evaluation systems to 5 6 appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor beginning July 1, 2013, and each July 1st thereafter for each year of the 7 school district implementation transition period concluding with a 8 report on December 1, 2016.)) 9

(8) (a) Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, evaluation results 10 11 for certificated classroom teachers and principals must be used as 12 one of multiple factors in making human resource and personnel decisions. Human resource decisions include, but are not limited to: 13 Staff assignment, including the consideration of an agreement to an 14 assignment by an appropriate teacher, principal, and superintendent; 15 16 and reduction in force. Nothing in this section limits the ability to 17 collectively bargain how the multiple factors shall be used in making 18 human resource or personnel decisions, with the exception that 19 evaluation results must be a factor.

20 (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must, 21 <u>in accordance with RCW 43.01.036</u>, report to the legislature and the 22 governor regarding the school district implementation of the 23 provisions of (a) of this subsection by December 1, ((<del>2017</del>)) <u>2019</u>, 24 <u>and December 1, 2020</u>.

(9) Each certificated classroom teacher and certificated support personnel shall have the opportunity for confidential conferences with his or her immediate supervisor on no less than two occasions in each school year. Such confidential conference shall have as its sole purpose the aiding of the administrator in his or her assessment of the employee's professional performance.

31 (10) The failure of any evaluator to evaluate or supervise or 32 cause the evaluation or supervision of certificated classroom 33 teachers and certificated support personnel or administrators in accordance with this section, as now or hereafter amended, when it is 34 his or her specific assigned or delegated responsibility to do so, 35 36 shall be sufficient cause for the nonrenewal of any such evaluator's contract under RCW 28A.405.210, or the discharge of such evaluator 37 under RCW 28A.405.300. 38

39 (11) After a certificated classroom teacher ((<del>or</del>)) <u>who is not</u> 40 <u>required to be on the four-level rating evaluation system or a</u>

1 certificated support personnel has four years of satisfactory evaluations under subsection (1) of this section, a school district 2 may use a short form of evaluation, a locally bargained evaluation 3 emphasizing professional growth, an evaluation under subsection (1) 4 or (2) of this section, or any combination thereof. The short form of 5 6 evaluation shall include either a thirty minute observation during the school year with a written summary or a final annual written 7 evaluation based on the criteria in subsection (1) or (2) of this 8 section and based on at least two observation periods during the 9 10 school year totaling at least sixty minutes without a written summary of such observations being prepared. A locally bargained short-form 11 evaluation emphasizing professional growth must provide that the 12 professional growth activity conducted by the certificated classroom 13 teacher be specifically linked to one or more of the certificated 14 15 classroom teacher evaluation criteria. However, the evaluation process set forth in subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be 16 17 followed at least once every three years unless this time is extended by a local school district under the bargaining process set forth in 18 chapter 41.59 RCW. The employee or evaluator may require that the 19 evaluation process set forth in subsection (1) or (2) of this section 20 21 be conducted in any given school year. No evaluation other than the evaluation authorized under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may 22 be used as a basis for determining that an employee's work is not 23 satisfactory under subsection (1) or (2) of this section or as 24 25 probable cause for the nonrenewal of an employee's contract under RCW 28A.405.210 unless an evaluation process developed under chapter 26 27 41.59 RCW determines otherwise. ((The provisions of this subsection 28 apply to certificated classroom teachers only until the teacher has been transitioned to the revised evaluation system pursuant to the 29 30 district implementation schedule adopted under subsection (7)(c) of 31 this section.))

32 (12) ((All)) <u>Certificated classroom teachers and principals who</u> 33 ((have been transitioned to the revised evaluation systems pursuant 34 to the district implementation schedule adopted under subsection 35 (7)(c) of this section)) are required to be on the four-level rating 36 <u>evaluation system</u> must receive annual performance evaluations as 37 provided in this subsection((÷)) (12).

38 (a) ((All classroom teachers and principals shall receive a 39 comprehensive summative evaluation at least once every four years.)) 40 A comprehensive ((summative)) performance evaluation assesses all p. 54 E2SHB 1139.SL eight evaluation criteria and all criteria contribute to the comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance rating. <u>Classroom</u> <u>teachers and principals must receive a comprehensive performance</u> <u>evaluation according to the schedule specified in (b) of this</u> <u>subsection.</u>

6 <u>(b)(i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (12)(b)</u>, 7 <u>classroom teachers and principals must receive a comprehensive</u> 8 <u>performance evaluation at least once every six years</u>.

9 ((<del>(b)</del>)) <u>(ii)</u> The following ((<del>categories</del>)) <u>types</u> of classroom 10 teachers and principals ((<del>shall</del>)) <u>must</u> receive an annual 11 comprehensive ((<del>summative</del>)) <u>performance</u> evaluation:

12 ((((i))) (A) A classroom teacher((s)) who ((are)) is a provisional 13 employee((s)) under RCW 28A.405.220;

14 ((<del>(ii)</del>)) <u>(B) A p</u>rincipal((<del>s</del>)) in the first three consecutive 15 school years of employment as a principal;

16 (((iii))) (C) A principal((s)) previously employed as a principal 17 by another school district in the state of Washington for three or 18 more consecutive school years and in the first full year as a 19 principal in the school district; and

20 (((iv Any))) (D) A classroom teacher or principal who received a 21 comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance rating of level 1 22 or level 2 in the previous school year.

23 In the years when a comprehensive ((summative)) (c)(i) performance evaluation is not required, classroom teachers and 24 25 principals who received a comprehensive ((summative evaluation)) performance rating of level 3 or above in ((the previous school 26 year)) their previous comprehensive performance evaluation are 27 28 required to complete a focused performance evaluation. A focused performance evaluation includes an assessment of one of the eight 29 30 criteria selected for a performance rating plus professional growth 31 activities specifically linked to the selected criteria.

(ii) The selected criteria must be approved by the teacher's or principal's evaluator and may have been identified in a previous comprehensive ((summative)) performance evaluation as benefiting from additional attention. A group of teachers may focus on the same evaluation criteria and share professional growth activities. A group of principals may focus on the same evaluation criteria and share professional growth activities.

39 (iii) The evaluator must assign a ((comprehensive summative 40 evaluation)) performance rating for the focused <u>performance</u>

1 evaluation using the methodology adopted by the superintendent of 2 public instruction for the instructional or leadership framework 3 being used.

4 (iv) A teacher or principal may be transferred from a focused
5 <u>performance</u> evaluation to a comprehensive ((summative)) <u>performance</u>
6 evaluation at the request of the teacher or principal, or at the
7 direction of the teacher's or principal's evaluator.

8 (v) Due to the importance of instructional leadership and 9 assuring rater agreement among evaluators, particularly those 10 evaluating teacher performance, school districts are encouraged to 11 conduct comprehensive ((summative)) performance evaluations of 12 principals ((performance)) on an annual basis.

(vi) A classroom teacher or principal may apply the focused <u>performance</u> evaluation professional growth activities toward the professional growth plan for ((<del>professional</del>)) certificate renewal as required by the <u>Washington</u> professional educator standards board.

17 (13) Each school district is encouraged to acknowledge and 18 recognize classroom teachers and principals who have attained level 4 19 - distinguished performance ratings.

20 Sec. 304. RCW 28A.410.278 and 2012 c 35 s 4 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

REDUCING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. (1)(((a))) After August 31, 2013, candidates for a residency principal certificate must have demonstrated knowledge of teacher evaluation research and Washington's evaluation requirements and successfully completed opportunities to practice teacher evaluation skills.

27 ((<del>(b)</del>)) <u>(2)</u> At a minimum, principal preparation programs must 28 address the following knowledge and skills related to evaluations 29 <u>under RCW 28A.405.100</u>:

30 (((i))) (a) Examination of ((Washington)) teacher and principal 31 evaluation criteria, and ((four-tiered performance)) four-level 32 rating evaluation system, and the preferred instructional and 33 leadership frameworks used to describe the evaluation criteria;

34 ((<del>(ii)</del>)) <u>(b)</u> Classroom observations;

35 ((((iii))) (c) The use of student growth data and multiple 36 measures of performance;

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((<del>(iv)</del>)) <u>(d)</u> Evaluation conferencing;

38 ((<del>(v)</del>)) <u>(e)</u> Development of classroom teacher and principal 39 support plans resulting from an evaluation; and

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1 ((<del>(vi)</del>)) <u>(f)</u> Use of an online tool to manage the collection of 2 observation notes, teacher and principal-submitted materials, and 3 other information related to the conduct of the evaluation.

4 (((2) Beginning September 1, 2016, the professional educator 5 standards board shall incorporate in-service training or continuing 6 education on the revised teacher and principal evaluation systems 7 under RCW 28A.405.100 as a requirement for renewal of continuing or 8 professional level certificates, including requiring knowledge and 9 competencies in teacher and principal evaluation systems as an aspect 10 of professional growth plans used for certificate renewal.)

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### MICROCREDENTIALS

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 305. A new section is added to chapter 13 28A.630 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) By October 31, 2019, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, 15 the Washington professional educator standards board must report to 16 the appropriate committees of the legislature on the results of the 17 three microcredential pilot grant programs the board conducted during the 2018-19 academic year. The report must include: (a) A description 18 of microcredentials and how microcredentials are used; 19 (b) а description of and rationale for each microcredential pilot grant 20 program; (c) information on the participants in each program, such as 21 demographics and geographic distribution; and (d) the results of each 22 23 program, including the number of participants who completed the program and earned a microcredential. The report must also include 24 recommendations for continuing, modifying, or expanding the use of 25 26 microcredentials.

27 (2) This section expires July 1, 2020.

28 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 306. A new section is added to chapter 29 28A.410 RCW to read as follows:

30 The Washington professional educator standards board is 31 prohibited from expanding the use of microcredentials beyond the 32 microcredential pilot grant programs in existence on the effective 33 date of this section unless and until the legislature directs the 34 board to do so.

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#### POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT

1 Sec. 307. RCW 41.32.068 and 2016 c 233 s 7 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 In addition to the postretirement employment options available in RCW 41.32.802 or 41.32.862, ((and only until August 1, 2020,)) a 4 teacher in plan 2 or plan 3 who has retired under the alternate early 5 6 retirement provisions of RCW 41.32.765(3)(b) or 41.32.875(3)(b) may 7 be employed with an employer for up to eight hundred sixty-seven hours per calendar year without suspension of his or her benefit, 8 provided that: (1) The retired teacher reenters employment more than 9 one calendar month after his or her accrual date and after June 9, 10 2016; (2) ((<del>[the retired teacher]</del>)) <u>the retired teacher</u> is employed 11 12 ((exclusively as either a substitute teacher as defined in RCW 13 41.32.010(48)(a) in an instructional capacity, as opposed to other capacities identified in RCW 41.32.010(49); and (3) the employing 14 school district compensates the district's substitute teachers at a 15 rate that is at least eighty-five percent of the full daily amount 16 17 allocated by the state to the district for substitute teacher compensation)) in a nonadministrative capacity. 18

19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 308. A new section is added to chapter 41.35
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 In addition to the postretirement employment options available in 22 RCW 41.35.060, a retiree in the school employees' retirement system plan 2 or plan 3 who has retired under the alternate early retirement 23 24 provisions of RCW 41.35.420(3)(b) or 41.35.680(3)(b) may be employed 25 with an employer for up to eight hundred sixty-seven hours per calendar year without suspension of his or her benefit, provided 26 27 that: (1) The retiree reenters employment more than one calendar 28 month after his or her accrual date; and (2) the retiree is employed 29 in a nonadministrative position.

30 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 309. 2016 c 233 s 19 (uncodified) is 31 repealed.

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#### REPRIMAND CONSIDERATIONS STUDY

33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 310. By December 1, 2020, the office of the 34 superintendent of public instruction and the Washington professional 35 educator standards board shall jointly report to the education 36 committees of the legislature regarding the effect that discipline

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issued against professional educator certificates under RCW
 28A.410.090 has on the recruitment and retention of educators in
 Washington state. The report must include at least the following:

4 (1) A comparison of the laws governing educator certificate 5 discipline to the uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW;

6 (2) Recommendations regarding alternative forms of discipline 7 that may be imposed on certificates of professional educators, 8 including probation, the payment of a fine, and corrective action;

9 (3) Recommendations regarding the improvement of the 10 administration of professional educator certificate discipline in 11 Washington; and

12 (4) A recommendation regarding whether the Washington 13 professional educator standards board should be authorized to 14 establish a process for review and expungement of reprimands issued 15 against educator certifications.

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 311. A new section is added to chapter 17 28A.400 RCW to read as follows:

18 A school district employment application may not include a 19 question asking whether the applicant has ever been placed on 20 administrative leave.

PART IV

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# STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS FOR EDUCATORS—THE COLLABORATIVE

NEW SECTION. Sec. 401. FINDINGS—INTENT. (1) The legislature finds that additional time and resources are necessary to establish a comprehensive and coordinated long-term vision that addresses Washington's demands for an excellent, effective educator workforce. The legislature recognizes that such an undertaking requires focused efforts to develop meaningful policy options to expand the current and future workforce supply.

31 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a 32 professional educator collaborative, including a variety of 33 stakeholders, to make recommendations on how to improve and 34 strengthen state policies, programs, and pathways that lead to highly 35 effective educators at each level of the public common school system.

1NEW SECTION.Sec. 402.A new section is added to chapter228A.410 RCW to read as follows:

3 THE COLLABORATIVE. (1) For the purpose of this section, "educator" means a paraeducator, teacher, principal, administrator, 4 superintendent, school counselor, school psychologist, school social 5 6 worker, school nurse, school physical therapist, school occupational 7 therapist, or school speech-language pathologist or audiologist. "Educator" includes persons who hold, or have held, certificates as 8 authorized by rule of the Washington professional educator standards 9 board. 10

(2) (a) The professional educator collaborative is established to make recommendations on how to improve and strengthen state policies, programs, and pathways that lead to highly effective educators at each level of the public school system.

(b) The collaborative shall examine issues related to educator 15 recruitment, certification, retention, professional learning and 16 development, leadership, and evaluation for effectiveness. 17 The examination must consider what barriers and deterrents hinder the 18 recruitment and retention of professional educators, including those 19 20 from underrepresented populations. The collaborative shall also 21 consider what incentives and supports could be provided at each stage 22 of an educator's career to produce a more effective educational system. Specifically, the collaborative must review the following 23 24 issues:

(i) Educator recruitment, including the role of school districts, community and technical colleges, preparation programs, and communities, and the efficacy of financial incentives and other types of support on recruitment;

29 (ii) Educator preparation, including traditional and alternative route program design and content, the role of community and technical 30 31 colleges, field experience duration and quality, the efficacy of 32 financial assistance and incentives, such as apprenticeship models or other methods of providing compensation to working candidates, on 33 program completion, school district and community connections, and 34 35 the need for and efficacy of academic and social support for 36 students;

37 (iii) Educator certificate types and tiers, including 38 requirements for an initial or first-tier certificate, requirements 39 for advanced certificates, and requirements that are transferable 40 between certificate types;

1 (iv) Educator certificate renewal requirements, including 2 comparing professional growth plan requirements with the teacher and 3 principal residency certificate renewal requirements established in 4 RCW 28A.410.251;

5 (v) Educator evaluation, including comparison to educator 6 certificate renewal requirements to determine inconsistent or 7 duplicative requirements or efforts, implementation issues and tool 8 refinement, and relationship with educator compensation;

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(vi) Educator certificate reciprocity;

10 (vii) Professional learning and development opportunities, 11 particularly for mid-career teachers;

12 (viii) Leadership in the education system, including best 13 practices of high quality leaders, training for principals and 14 administrators, and identifying and developing teachers as leaders; 15 and

16 (ix) Systems monitoring, including collection of outcomes data on 17 educator production, employment, and retention, and the value in a 18 cost-benefit analysis of state recruitment and retention activities.

19 (3) (a) The members of the collaborative must include 20 representatives of the following organizations:

(i) The two largest caucuses of the senate and the house of representatives, appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, respectively;

(ii) The Washington professional educator standards board;

25 (iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction;

26 (iv) The Washington association of colleges for teacher 27 education;

(v) The Washington state school directors' association;

(vi) The Washington education association;

30 (vii) The Washington association of school administrators;

31 (viii) The association of Washington school principals; and

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(ix) The association of Washington school counselors.

33 (b) Each organization listed in (a) of this subsection must 34 designate one voting member, except that each legislator is a voting 35 member.

36 (c) The collaborative shall choose its chair or cochairs from 37 among its members.

38 (d) The voting members of the collaborative, where appropriate, 39 may consult with stakeholders, including representatives of other 40 educator associations, or ask stakeholders to establish an advisory

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committee. Members of such an advisory committee are not entitled to
 expense reimbursement.

3 (e) The voting members of the collaborative must consult with the 4 student achievement council's office of student financial assistance 5 on issues related to financial incentives, assistance, and supports.

6 (4)(a) Staff support for the collaborative must be provided by 7 the Washington professional educator standards board, and from other 8 state agencies, including the office of the superintendent of public 9 instruction, if requested by the collaborative.

10 (b) The Washington professional educator standards board must 11 convene the initial meeting of the collaborative within sixty days of 12 the effective date of this section.

(5) The collaborative must contract with a nonprofit, nonpartisan 13 institute that conducts independent, high quality research to improve 14 education policy and practice and that works with policymakers, 15 16 researchers, educators, and others to advance evidence-based policies 17 that support equitable learning for each child for the purpose of consultation and guidance on meeting agendas and materials 18 development, meeting facilitation, documenting collaborative 19 discussions and recommendations, locating and summarizing useful 20 21 policy and research documents, and drafting required reports.

(6) Legislative members of the collaborative are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer, governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

28 (7) (a) By November 1, 2020, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the collaborative shall submit a preliminary report to the education 29 committees of the legislature that makes recommendations on the 30 31 educator certificate types, tiers, and renewal issues described in 32 subsection (2) of this section. The report must also describe the activities of the collaborative to date, and include any preliminary 33 recommendations agreed to by the collaborative on other issues 34 described in subsection (2) of this section. 35

36 (b) By November 1, 2021, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, 37 the collaborative shall submit a final report to the education 38 committees of the legislature that describes the activities of the 39 collaborative since the preliminary report and makes recommendations 40 on each issue described in subsection (2) of this section, including

1 the fiscal implications of each recommendation at the state and local 2 level. The report must also describe the expected efficiencies 3 achieved by implementing the recommended comprehensive and 4 coordinated system.

5 (8) This section expires July 1, 2022.

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 403. This act is necessary for the immediate 7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of 8 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes 9 effect immediately.

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 404. If specific funding for the purposes of 11 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not 12 provided by June 30, 2019, in the omnibus appropriations act, this 13 act is null and void.

Passed by the House April 25, 2019. Passed by the Senate April 15, 2019. Approved by the Governor May 8, 2019, with the exception of certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 13, 2019.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 213, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1139 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to expanding the current and future educator workforce supply through evidence-based strategies to improve and incentivize the recruitment and retention of highly effective educators, especially in high-need subject, grade-level, and geographic areas, and to establish a cohesive continuum of high quality professional learning from preparation programs to job embedded induction, mentoring, collaboration, and other professional development opportunities."

Section 213 provides conflicting direction to three state agencies (the Professional Educator Standards Board, the Washington Student Achievement Council and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) regarding financial aid program implementation, participant selection and identification of educator shortages. The section also conflicts with direction in other sections of the bill and is superfluous to implementation of the programs in the bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 213 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1139.

With the exception of Section 213, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1139 is approved."

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