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SENATE BILL 5525

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By Senators Bauer, Bailey, Saling and A. Smith.

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1            AN ACT Relating to teacher preparation programs; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.305  
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds that the demands  
6 on teachers in the K-12 schools are evolving as society changes.  
7 Factors such as the increase in the number of single-parent households,  
8 drug and alcohol abuse, high dropout rates, and increasing rates of  
9 crime, among other things, are changing the nature of the teaching  
10 enterprise. The legislature also finds that college and university  
11 faculty engaged in training prospective teachers need to have first-  
12 hand experience of the nature of this changing enterprise. The  
13 legislature finds that a recently certified teacher in the K-12 system  
14 is required to engage in continuing education in order to stay current  
15 in his or her field. The legislature intends to require higher

1 education faculty whose primary responsibility is teaching prospective  
2 teachers to engage in a form of public service and continuing education  
3 by teaching in the public schools for one hundred eighty hours every  
4 five years.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) In any state university, regional university, or state college  
8 as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, each member of the faculty of the school,  
9 department, or college of education, and each member of the  
10 institution's faculty whose primary teaching responsibility is teaching  
11 classes for prospective K-12 teachers, shall spend at least one hundred  
12 eighty hours every five years teaching in the public schools of the  
13 state.

14 (2) The governing board of each state university, regional  
15 university, and state college shall adopt salary policies that ensure  
16 that faculty members fulfilling the responsibilities described in this  
17 section are appropriately rewarded for their public service and  
18 participation in continuing education.

19 (3) Teacher preparation programs of each state university, regional  
20 university, and state college shall be subject to the approval of the  
21 state board of education as required under RCW 28A.305.130 and section  
22 3 of this act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.305  
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 In addition to other approval requirements for teacher preparation  
26 programs under RCW 28A.305.130(1), and as a condition for program  
27 approval, the state board of education shall require that the  
28 requirements of section 2(1) of this act are met at each state

1 university, regional university, and state college, each as defined in  
2 RCW 28B.10.016.