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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5640

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By Senators Craswell, Rasmussen, Bailey, McDonald, Cantu and Thorsness.

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1            AN ACT Relating to alternate teacher certification; and adding new  
2 sections to chapter 28A.410 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            It is the intent of the legislature to  
5 attract career professionals from diverse backgrounds into the teaching  
6 profession and prevent teacher shortages by making alternate teacher  
7 certification available to persons with baccalaureate degrees and  
8 extensive, relevant work experience.    The alternate certificate  
9 established under section 2 of this act shall allow eligible persons to  
10 qualify for initial teacher certification upon satisfactory completion  
11 of limited preservice course work and two years of full-time teaching  
12 under the guidance and supervision of a school district in Washington  
13 state.



1 by the district of a mentor teacher according to criteria established  
2 for the teacher assistance program under RCW 28A.405.450 and evaluation  
3 under the school district's teacher evaluation procedures.

4 (3) The alternate teacher certificate allows the holder full  
5 authority to serve as a part-time or full-time teacher. The  
6 certificate shall be valid for not more than two years of full-time  
7 teaching or its equivalent. A person desiring to teach beyond the  
8 expiration date of his or her alternate certificate shall apply for  
9 initial or professional certification with the superintendent of public  
10 instruction. Such certification shall be conditioned upon the  
11 satisfaction of all requirements in this section and recommendation by  
12 the school district employing the candidate under alternate  
13 certification. Initial certification shall not require additional  
14 course work or experience.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The alternate certification developed  
16 under section 2 of this act shall be available not later than the 1992-  
17 93 school year.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The state board of education shall  
19 report to the legislature by December 15, 1991, on:

20 (a) The standards adopted pursuant to section 2 of this act; and  
21 (b) Recommendations for placement of teachers with alternate  
22 certification as provided for in section 2 of this act on the state-  
23 wide salary allocation schedule.

24 (2) The state board of education shall report annually to the  
25 legislature and the governor on alternate teacher certification. Each  
26 report is due by December 1 and shall include but not be limited to:  
27 The number of alternate certification teachers hired by school  
28 districts; the grade level and subject areas to which they have been

1 assigned; the number of instructional hours they have taught; the  
2 number who have applied for initial or professional certification; and  
3 the number who have been granted initial or professional certification.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are  
5 each added to chapter 28A.410 RCW.