
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5640

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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 profession and prevent teacher shortages by making alternate teacher 6 7 certification available to persons with baccalaureate degrees and extensive, relevant work experience. The alternate certificate 8 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 under the guidance and supervision of a school district in Washington 12 13 state.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** The state board of education shall by
- 2 December 15, 1991, adopt rules to implement an alternate teacher
- 3 certificate having the following standards:
- 4 (1) Each candidate for the alternate teacher's certificate shall:
- 5 (a) Possess a baccalaureate degree in the arts, sciences, or
- 6 humanities from a college or university accredited by the northwest
- 7 association of schools and colleges or an equivalent regional
- 8 accrediting organization;
- 9 (b) Have at least ten years' work experience relevant to the
- 10 subject area in which he or she is seeking endorsement;
- 11 (c) Meet the age and character requirements established by the
- 12 state board of education for all certificated school staff, including
- 13 compliance with the background check through the Washington state
- 14 patrol criminal investigation system as required under RCW 28A.410.010;
- 15 and
- 16 (d) Possess a contract for employment in a school district of the
- 17 state.
- 18 (2) Prior to beginning teaching under the alternate teacher
- 19 certificate, the candidate shall:
- 20 (a) Have satisfied preservice course work requirements established
- 21 by the state board of education for this purpose. These requirements
- 22 shall be limited to no more than fifteen quarter hours or ten semester
- 23 hours of postbaccalaureate course work, or the equivalent in state
- 24 board of education approved in-service clock hours. In establishing
- 25 the requirements, the state board shall select courses available during
- 26 the summer as well as the school year;
- 27 (b) Have developed with their employing school district a written
- 28 plan for supervision, guidance, and support to be provided to the
- 29 candidate by the district for the duration of the alternate
- 30 certificate. The plan shall include but not be limited to assignment

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