
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1374

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Brough and Peery)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the admission to practice examination for
2 teacher candidates; and amending RCW 28A.410.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.030 and 1991 c 116 s 21 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Effective August 31, 1995, the state board of education shall
7 require ((a uniform state admission to practice examination for))
8 teacher certification candidates((. Commencing August 31, 1993,
9 teacher certification candidates completing a teacher preparation
10 program shall be required)) to pass an ((admission to practice
11 examination)) individual assessment before being granted an initial
12 certificate. The ((examination)) assessment shall test knowledge and
13 competence in subjects including, but not limited to, instructional
14 skills, classroom management, ((and)) student behavior and
15 development((. The examination shall consist primarily of essay
16 questions)), oral and written language skills, student performance-
17 based assessment skills, and other knowledge, skills, and attributes
18 needed to be successful in assisting all students, including students
19 with diverse and unique needs, in achieving mastery of the essential

1 academic learning requirements established pursuant to RCW 28A.630.885.
2 In administering the assessment, the state board shall address the
3 needs of certification candidates who have specific learning
4 disabilities, such as dyslexia.

5 (2) The state board of education shall adopt such rules as may be
6 necessary to implement this section, including, but not limited to,
7 rules establishing the fees assessed persons who apply to take the
8 assessment and the circumstances, if any, under which such fees may be
9 refunded in whole or part. Fee revenues received under this section
10 shall be deposited in the teacher assessment revolving fund hereby
11 established in the custody of the state treasurer. The fund is subject
12 to the allotment procedures provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
13 appropriation is required for disbursement. The superintendent of
14 public instruction shall be responsible for administering the
15 assessment program consistent with state board of education rules, and
16 may enter into contracts for six or fewer years with public and private
17 contractors to establish, equip, maintain, and operate the program, in
18 whole or part. The superintendent of public instruction shall expend
19 moneys from the teacher assessment revolving fund exclusively for the
20 direct and indirect costs of establishing, equipping, maintaining, and
21 operating the assessment program.

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