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By Representatives Dorn, Brumsickle and Orr; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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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 The state board of education shall require a uniform state
7 admission to practice examination for teacher certification
8 candidates(~~(.—Commencing)~~) and other candidates for certification as
9 the board deems appropriate. No later than August 31, ((1993)) 1997,
10 teacher certification candidates completing a teacher preparation
11 program shall be required to pass an admission to practice examination
12 before being granted an initial certificate. The state board of
13 education shall set the specific date for requiring passage of the test
14 for admission to practice. The examination shall test knowledge,
15 writing skills, and competence in subjects including, but not limited
16 to, instructional skills, classroom management, and student behavior
17 and development. ((The examination shall consist primarily of essay
18 questions.)) The state board of education shall adopt such rules as
19 may be necessary to implement this section including, but not limited

1 to, rules establishing the fees assessed persons who apply to take the
2 examination and the circumstances, if any, under which such fees may be
3 refunded in whole or part. Fee revenues received under this section
4 shall be deposited in the state admission to practice examination
5 revolving fund hereby established in the custody of the state
6 treasurer. The fund is subject to the allotment procedures provided
7 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
8 disbursement. The superintendent of public instruction shall be
9 responsible for administering the examination program consistent with
10 state board of education rules, and may enter into contracts for six or
11 fewer years with public and private contractors to establish, equip,
12 maintain, and operate the program, in whole or part. The
13 superintendent of public instruction shall expend moneys from the
14 admission to practice examination revolving fund exclusively for the
15 direct and indirect costs of establishing, equipping, maintaining, and
16 operating the examination program.

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