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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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2 HB 2760 - H AMD
3 By Representative

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

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"PART 1

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** INTENT. The legislature finds and
10 declares:

11 (1) Creation of a public body whose focus is educator quality would
12 be likely to bring greater focus and attention to the profession;

13 (2) Professional educator standards boards are consumer protection
14 boards, establishing assessment policies to ensure the public that its
15 new practitioners have the knowledge to be competent;

16 (3) The highest possible standards for all educators are essential
17 in ensuring attainment of high academic standards by all students;

18 (4) Teacher assessment for certification can guard against
19 admission to the teaching profession of persons who have not
20 demonstrated that they are knowledgeable in the subjects they will be
21 assigned to teach; and

22 (5) Teacher assessment for certification should be implemented as
23 an additional element to the system of teacher preparation and
24 certification.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 WASHINGTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD. (1) The
28 Washington professional educator standards board is created, consisting
29 of nineteen members to be appointed by the governor to four-year terms
30 and the superintendent of public instruction, who shall be an ex
31 officio, nonvoting member. No person may serve as a member of the
32 board for more than two consecutive full terms. The governor shall
33 annually appoint the chair of the board from among the teachers and

1 principals on the board. No board member may serve as chair for more
2 than two consecutive years.

3 (2) Seven of the members shall be public school teachers, one shall
4 be a private school teacher, three shall represent higher education
5 educator preparation programs, four shall be school administrators, two
6 shall be educational staff associates, one shall be a parent, and one
7 shall be a member of the public.

8 (3) Public school teachers appointed to the board must:

9 (a) Have at least three years of teaching experience in a
10 Washington public school;

11 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching
12 position; and

13 (c) Include one teacher currently teaching at the elementary school
14 level, one at the middle school level, one at the high school level,
15 and one vocationally certificated.

16 (4) Private school teachers appointed to the board must:

17 (a) Have at least three years of teaching experience in a
18 Washington approved private school; and

19 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a teaching
20 position in an approved private school.

21 (5) Appointees from higher education educator preparation programs
22 must include two representatives from institutions of higher education
23 as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and one representative from an institution
24 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.07.020(4).

25 (6) School administrators appointed to the board must:

26 (a) Have at least three years of administrative experience in a
27 Washington public school district;

28 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in a school
29 administrator position; and

30 (c) Include two public school principals, one Washington approved
31 private school principal, and one superintendent.

32 (7) Educational staff associates appointed to the board must:

33 (a) Have at least three years of educational staff associate
34 experience in a Washington public school district; and

35 (b) Be currently certificated and actively employed in an
36 educational staff associate position.

37 (8) Each major caucus of the house of representatives and the
38 senate shall submit a list of at least one public school teacher. In
39 making the public school teacher appointments, the governor shall

1 select one nominee from each list provided by each caucus. The
2 governor shall appoint the remaining members of the board from a list
3 of qualified nominees submitted to the governor by organizations
4 representative of the constituencies of the board, from applications
5 from other qualified individuals, or from both nominees and applicants.

6 (9) All appointments to the board made by the governor shall be
7 subject to confirmation by the senate.

8 (10) The governor shall appoint the members of the initial board no
9 later than June 1, 2000.

10 (11) In appointing board members, the governor shall consider the
11 diversity of the population of the state.

12 (12) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance
13 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred
14 in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW
15 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

16 (13) The governor may remove a member of the board for neglect of
17 duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or for
18 incompetency or unprofessional conduct as defined in chapter 18.130
19 RCW. In such a case, the governor shall file with the secretary of
20 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from
21 office, and the secretary of state shall send a certified copy of the
22 statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post office
23 address of the member.

24 (14) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint
25 a replacement member from the nominees as specified in subsection (8)
26 of this section to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. When
27 filling a vacancy of a member nominated by a major caucus of the
28 legislature, the governor shall select the new member from a list of at
29 least one name submitted by the same caucus that provided the list from
30 which the retiring member was appointed.

31 (15) Members of the board shall hire an executive director and an
32 administrative assistant to reside in the office of the superintendent
33 of public instruction for administrative purposes only.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The Washington professional
37 educator standards board shall:

1 (1) Serve as an advisory body to the superintendent of public
2 instruction and as the sole advisory body to the state board of
3 education on issues related to educator recruitment, hiring,
4 preparation, certification including high quality alternative routes to
5 certification, mentoring and support, professional growth, retention,
6 governance, prospective teacher pedagogy assessment, prospective
7 principal assessment, educator evaluation including but not limited to
8 peer evaluation, and revocation and suspension of licensure;

9 (2) Submit annual reports and recommendations, beginning December
10 1, 2000, to the governor, the education and fiscal committees of the
11 legislature, the state board of education, and the superintendent of
12 public instruction concerning duties and activities within the board's
13 advisory capacity. The Washington professional educator standards
14 board shall submit a separate report by December 1, 2000, to the
15 governor, the education and fiscal committees of the legislature, the
16 state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction
17 providing recommendations for at least two high quality alternative
18 routes to teacher certification. In its deliberations, the board shall
19 consider at least one route that permits persons with substantial
20 subject matter expertise to achieve residency certification through an
21 on-the-job training program provided by a school district; and

22 (3) Establish the prospective teacher assessment system for basic
23 skills and subject knowledge that shall be required to obtain residency
24 certification pursuant to sections 201 through 203 of this act.

25 PART 2

26 TEACHER ASSESSMENT

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 (1)(a) Beginning not later than September 1, 2001, the Washington
30 professional educator standards board shall make available and pilot a
31 means of assessing an applicant's knowledge in the basic skills. For
32 the purposes of this section, "basic skills" means the subjects of at
33 least reading, writing, and mathematics. Beginning September 1, 2002,
34 except as provided in (c) of this subsection and subsection (3) of this
35 section, passing this assessment shall be required for admission to
36 approved teacher preparation programs and for persons from out-of-state
37 applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate.

1 (b) On an individual student basis, approved teacher preparation
2 programs may admit into their programs a candidate who has not achieved
3 the minimum basic skills assessment score established by the Washington
4 professional educator standards board. Individuals so admitted may not
5 receive residency certification without passing the basic skills
6 assessment under this section.

7 (c) The Washington professional educator standards board may
8 establish criteria to ensure that persons from out-of-state who are
9 applying for residency certification and persons applying to master's
10 degree level teacher preparation programs can demonstrate to the
11 board's satisfaction that they have the requisite basic skills based
12 upon having completed another basic skills assessment acceptable to the
13 Washington professional educator standards board or by some other
14 alternative approved by the Washington professional educator standards
15 board.

16 (2) Beginning not later than September 1, 2002, the Washington
17 professional educator standards board shall provide for the initial
18 piloting and implementation of a means of assessing an applicant's
19 knowledge in the subjects for which the applicant has applied for an
20 endorsement to his or her residency or professional teaching
21 certificate. The assessment of subject knowledge shall not include
22 instructional methodology. Beginning September 1, 2003, passing this
23 assessment shall be required to receive an endorsement for
24 certification purposes.

25 (3) The Washington professional educator standards board may permit
26 exceptions from the assessment requirements under subsections (1) and
27 (2) of this section on a case-by-case basis.

28 (4) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
29 provide for reasonable accommodations for individuals who are required
30 to take the assessments in subsection (1) or (2) of this section if the
31 individuals have learning or other disabilities.

32 (5) With the exception of applicants exempt from the requirements
33 of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, an applicant must achieve
34 a minimum assessment score or scores established by the Washington
35 professional educator standards board on each of the assessments under
36 subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

37 (6) The Washington professional educator standards board and
38 superintendent of public instruction, as determined by the Washington

1 professional educator standards board, may contract with one or more
2 third parties for:

3 (a) The development, purchase, administration, scoring, and
4 reporting of scores of the assessments established by the Washington
5 professional educator standards board under subsections (1) and (2) of
6 this section;

7 (b) Related clerical and administrative activities; or

8 (c) Any combination of the purposes in this subsection.

9 (7) Applicants for admission to a Washington teacher preparation
10 program and applicants for residency and professional certificates who
11 are required to successfully complete one or more of the assessments
12 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, and who are charged a
13 fee for the assessment by a third party contracted with under
14 subsection (6) of this section, shall pay the fee charged by the
15 contractor directly to the contractor. Such fees shall be reasonably
16 related to the actual costs of the contractor in providing the
17 assessment.

18 (8) The superintendent of public instruction is responsible for
19 supervision and providing support services to administer this section.

20 (9) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
21 collaboratively select or develop and implement the assessments and
22 minimum assessment scores required under this section with the
23 superintendent of public instruction and shall provide opportunities
24 for representatives of other interested educational organizations to
25 participate in the selection or development and implementation of such
26 assessments in a manner deemed appropriate by the Washington
27 professional educator standards board.

28 (10) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
29 adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW that are reasonably necessary for
30 the effective and efficient implementation of this section.

31 (11) On September 1, 2003, all duties relating to teacher
32 assessments as provided in this section are transferred to the
33 superintendent of public instruction.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 The Washington professional educator standards board shall report
37 the proposed assessments to the legislative education committees for

1 review and comment prior to implementing the assessments by contractual
2 agreement with the selected vendor or vendors.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) By December 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Washington
6 professional educator standards board shall prepare a report that
7 includes the following information:

8 (a) The range of scores on the basic skills assessment under
9 section 201(1) of this act for persons who passed the assessment and
10 were admitted to a Washington preparation program; and

11 (b) The range of scores on the subject assessments under section
12 201(2) of this act for persons who passed the assessments and earned an
13 endorsement.

14 (2) The information under subsection (1) of this section shall be
15 reported for the individual public and private colleges and
16 universities in Washington, as well as reported on an aggregate basis.
17 The report shall also include results disaggregated demographically.
18 The report shall include information on the number and percentage of
19 candidates exempted from assessments, demographic information on
20 candidates exempted, institutions attended and endorsements sought by
21 exempted candidates, and reasons for exclusion from the required
22 assessments. The report shall be made available through the state
23 library, on the website of the office of superintendent of public
24 instruction, and placed on the legislative alert list.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204.** By January 1, 2001, the partnership for
26 excellence in teaching shall report to the governor, the education and
27 fiscal committees of the legislature, the state board of education, and
28 the superintendent of public instruction on its findings and
29 recommendations concerning the governance of educator certification,
30 licensure, and preparation issues and the scope of authority of the
31 Washington professional educator standards board for the issues listed
32 in section 103(1) of this act.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205.** RCW 28A.410.020 (Requirements for
34 admission to teacher preparation programs--Rules) and 1996 c 309 s 1,
35 1991 c 116 s 20, 1988 c 251 s 4, & 1987 c 525 s 202, as now or
36 hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective September 1, 2002.

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PART 3
MISCELLANEOUS

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** PART HEADINGS AND SECTION CAPTIONS NOT
LAW. Part headings and section captions used in this act are not any
part of the law."

Correct the title.

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