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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5543**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, McAuliffe, Eide, Regala, Rasmussen, Thibaudeau, Costa, Kohl-Welles and Winsley; by request of Governor Locke and Superintendent of Public Instruction)

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1 AN ACT Relating to school safety; amending RCW 28A.305.130; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.305.130 and 1997 c 13 s 5 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the  
7 state board of education shall:

8 (1) Approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to  
9 teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel  
10 certification offered by all institutions of higher education within  
11 the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become  
12 entitled to receive such certification.

13 (2) Conduct every five years a review of the program approval  
14 standards, including the minimum standards for teachers,  
15 administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research  
16 findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for  
17 teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.

18 (3) Investigate the character of the work required to be performed  
19 as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any institution of

1 higher education in this state relative to such certification as  
2 provided for in subsection (1) above, and prepare a list of accredited  
3 institutions of higher education of this and other states whose  
4 graduates may be awarded such certificates.

5 (4)(a) The state board of education shall adopt rules to allow a  
6 teacher certification candidate to fulfill, in part, teacher  
7 preparation program requirements through work experience as a  
8 classified teacher's aide in a public school or private school meeting  
9 the requirements of RCW 28A.195.010. The rules shall include, but are  
10 not limited to, limitations based upon the recency of the teacher  
11 preparation candidate's teacher aide work experience, and limitations  
12 based on the amount of work experience that may apply toward teacher  
13 preparation program requirements under this chapter.

14 (b) The state board of education shall require that at the time of  
15 the individual's enrollment in a teacher preparation program, the  
16 supervising teacher and the building principal shall jointly provide to  
17 the teacher preparation program of the higher education institution at  
18 which the teacher candidate is enrolled, a written assessment of the  
19 performance of the teacher candidate. The assessment shall contain  
20 such information as determined by the state board of education and  
21 shall include: Evidence that at least fifty percent of the candidate's  
22 work as a classified teacher's aide was involved in instructional  
23 activities with children under the supervision of a certificated  
24 teacher and that the candidate worked a minimum of six hundred thirty  
25 hours for one school year; the type of work performed by the candidate;  
26 and a recommendation of whether the candidate's work experience as a  
27 classified teacher's aide should be substituted for teacher preparation  
28 program requirements. In compliance with such rules as may be  
29 established by the state board of education under this section, the  
30 teacher preparation programs of the higher education institution where  
31 the candidate is enrolled shall make the final determination as to what  
32 teacher preparation program requirements may be fulfilled by teacher  
33 aide work experience.

34 (5) Supervise the issuance of such certificates as provided for in  
35 subsection (1) above and specify the types and kinds of certificates  
36 necessary for the several departments of the common schools by rule  
37 (~~or regulation~~) in accordance with RCW 28A.410.010.

38 (6) Accredit, subject to such accreditation standards and  
39 procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all

1 schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to the  
2 provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a program  
3 for any or all of the grades kindergarten through twelve: PROVIDED,  
4 That no private school may be approved that operates a kindergarten  
5 program only: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no public or private schools  
6 shall be placed upon the list of accredited schools so long as secret  
7 societies are knowingly allowed to exist among its students by school  
8 officials: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board may elect to require  
9 all or certain classifications of the public schools to conduct and  
10 participate in such preaccreditation examination and evaluation  
11 processes as may now or hereafter be established by the board.

12 (7) Make rules (~~and regulations~~) governing the establishment in  
13 any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary program or any  
14 new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any such program or  
15 any new grades are established the district must obtain prior approval  
16 of the state board.

17 (8) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as the  
18 board shall deem necessary, and prescribe such rules for the general  
19 government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure regularity of  
20 attendance, prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and promote the true  
21 interest of the common schools.

22 (9) Continuously reevaluate courses and adopt and enforce  
23 (~~regulations~~) rules within the common schools so as to meet the  
24 educational needs of students and articulate with the institutions of  
25 higher education and unify the work of the public school system.

26 (10) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the organization  
27 and reorganization of school districts under chapters 28A.315, 28A.323,  
28 and 28A.343 RCW (~~28A.315.010 through 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900~~).

29 (11) By rule (~~or regulation promulgated~~) adopted upon the advice  
30 of the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of  
31 fire protection, provide for instruction of pupils in the (~~public~~  
32 ~~and~~) private schools carrying out a K through 12 program, or any part  
33 thereof, so that in case of sudden emergency they shall be able to  
34 leave their particular school building in the shortest possible time or  
35 take such other steps as the particular emergency demands, and without  
36 confusion or panic; such rules (~~and regulations~~) shall be published  
37 and distributed to certificated personnel throughout the state whose  
38 duties shall include a familiarization therewith as well as the means  
39 of implementation thereof at their particular school.

1       (12) By rule, following consultation with at least the emergency  
2 management division of the state military department and the  
3 superintendent of public instruction, provide for instruction of staff  
4 and pupils in the public schools carrying out a K through 12 program,  
5 or any part thereof, so that in case of a sudden all-hazard emergency  
6 they shall be able to leave their particular school building in the  
7 shortest possible time or take such other steps as the particular all-  
8 hazard emergency demands, without confusion or panic. The rules shall  
9 provide guidance on the development and implementation of all-hazard  
10 emergency management plans. The rules shall specify when school  
11 districts shall complete their plans. The rules shall be published and  
12 distributed to school district officials who shall in turn distribute  
13 information about the plans to all employed staff in the district.

14       (13) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law.

15       The state board of education is given the authority to promulgate  
16 information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for  
17 purposes of curriculum use in the common schools.

18       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20       To the extent funds are appropriated, school districts shall  
21 require that schools develop a comprehensive safe school plan. A  
22 comprehensive safe school plan is a school-based plan that includes  
23 prevention, intervention, all-hazards and crisis response including the  
24 all-hazards emergency plan under RCW 28A.305.130, and postcrisis  
25 recovery components developed to ensure the maintenance of a safe  
26 learning environment for students and adults. Upon completion of the  
27 comprehensive safe school plans, and by December 1st of every year  
28 thereafter, school districts shall report to the superintendent of  
29 public instruction whether schools in its district have developed  
30 comprehensive safe school plans. The superintendent of public  
31 instruction shall annually report to the state board of education and  
32 the education committees of the house of representatives and senate on  
33 school districts' comprehensive safe school planning.

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