

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6092

As Passed House:

June 6, 2003

Title: An act relating to including a classified employee on the Washington professional educator standards board.

Brief Description: Including a classified employee on the Washington professional educator standards board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

First Special Session

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 6/6/03, 94-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

· Adds a paraeducator to the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

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Background:

The Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) was created by the 2000 Legislature to advise and provide recommendations to the State Board of Education (SBE), Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the Governor, and the Legislature on the full range of issues affecting education professionals. The issues include recruitment, hiring, preparation, certification, mentoring, professional growth, retention, governance, assessment, and evaluation. In addition, the PESB oversees new basic skills and subject matter assessments to be required of all new teachers prior to state certification and brings greater public focus and attention to education professions.

The 2001 Legislature added a responsibility to implement three alternative routes to certify educators.

The PESB is comprised of the SPI and 19 members appointed by the Governor to four-

year staggered terms. The chair of the PESB is appointed by the Governor from amongst the teachers and principals on the PESB. Of the 19 appointed members, eight are teachers, seven from public schools and one representing private schools. Four members are school administrators, two of whom are public school principals, one principal from a private school and one superintendent. Two members are educational staff associates, and three represent college and university educator preparation programs. One member is a parent and one represents the public. Most of the members of the PESB who represent K-12 and higher education are also required to meet additional qualifications.

Summary of Bill:

The PESB is expanded by one member. The Governor will appoint to the PESB a classified employee who assists in public school instruction. The employee must have at least three years of public school experience in the paraeducator role and must be currently serving in that capacity.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: None.