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By Senators Benton and Zarelli

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1 AN ACT Relating to professional conduct of certificated education
2 professionals; adding a new section to chapter 28A.405 RCW; and adding
3 a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.405
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) All parents and members of the community have the right to
8 file, with the educational service district superintendent, a written
9 and signed complaint alleging that a certificated education
10 professional within the superintendent's educational service district
11 is not of good moral character or personal fitness or has committed an
12 act of unprofessional conduct. The educational service district
13 superintendent shall provide the person filing the complaint with
14 written notice within five working days of what actions will be taken
15 in response to the complaint.

16 (2) Any investigations by the educational service district
17 superintendent into allegations raised by complaints filed under
18 subsection (1) of this section must be conducted and completed within
19 twenty-five working days of the educational service district

1 superintendent receiving the complaint. The person filing the
2 complaint must be sent written notice of the results of the
3 investigation and, specifically, whether or not the complaint will be
4 forwarded on to the superintendent of public instruction for further
5 investigation.

6 (3) If no investigation is to be conducted by the educational
7 service district superintendent or if the complaint is not forwarded to
8 the superintendent of public instruction, the person filing the
9 complaint under subsection (1) of this section may file the same
10 complaint directly with the superintendent of public instruction.

11 (4) If the educational service district superintendent, the
12 district superintendent, or the chief administrative officer of an
13 approved private school possesses reliable information that leads him
14 or her to believe a certified employee is not of good moral character,
15 is not personally fit, or has committed an act of unprofessional
16 conduct, the superintendent or officer shall file a written complaint
17 with the superintendent of public instruction. A parent or community
18 member may file a complaint directly with the superintendent of public
19 instruction if he or she believes that the district superintendent or
20 chief administrative officer has failed to comply with this provision.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 The membership of the admissions and professional conduct advisory
24 committee created by the superintendent of public instruction must
25 include representatives of parents and the school district's community
26 members who are not also employees of the school district or private
27 schools.

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