

6245-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Zarelli, Regala, Winsley and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Relating to residency teacher certification partnership programs.

SB 6245-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that partnership grant programs seeking funds to operate route four programs shall enroll individuals with baccalaureate degrees, who are employed in the district at the time of application, or who hold conditional teaching certificates or emergency substitute certificates. Cohorts of candidates for this route shall attend an intensive summer teaching academy, followed by a full year employed by a district in a mentored internship. In addition, partnership programs shall uphold entry requirements for candidates that include: (1) Five years' experience in the work force;

(2) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The individual's grade point average may be considered as a selection factor;

(3) Successful completion of the content test, once the state content test is available;

(4) External validation of qualifications, including demonstrated successful experience with students or children, such as reference letters and letters of support from previous employers;

(5) Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements adopted by rule for teachers; and

(6) Successful passage of statewide basic skills exams, when available.

Repeals RCW 28A.660.900.