

**2SHB 2212** - S AMD TO EKHE COMM AMD (S2907.2) **588**

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 5 of the amendment, strike all  
2 material through "degrees." on line 22 and insert the following:

3 "(1) All credits earned in furtherance of degrees earned by  
4 certificated staff, that are used to increase earnings on the salary  
5 schedule consistent with RCW 28A.415.023, must be obtained from an  
6 educational institution accredited by an accrediting association  
7 recognized by rule of the state board of education.

8 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
9 verify for school districts the accreditation status of educational  
10 institutions granting degrees that are used by certificated staff to  
11 increase earnings on the salary schedule consistent with RCW  
12 28A.415.023.

13 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
14 provide school districts with training and additional resources to  
15 ensure they can verify that degrees earned by certificated staff, that  
16 are used to increase earnings on the salary schedule consistent with  
17 RCW 28A.415.023, are obtained from an educational institution  
18 accredited by an accrediting association recognized by rule of the  
19 state board of education.

20 (4)(a) No school district may submit degree information before  
21 there has been verification of accreditation under subsection (3) of  
22 this section.

23 (b) Certificated staff who submit degrees received from an  
24 unaccredited educational institution for the purposes of receiving a  
25 salary increase shall be fined three hundred dollars. The fine shall  
26 be paid to the office of the superintendent of public instruction and  
27 used for costs of administering this section.

28 (c) In addition to the fine in (b) of this subsection, certificated  
29 staff who receive salary increases based upon degrees earned from  
30 educational institutions that have been verified to be unaccredited  
31 must reimburse the district for any compensation received based on

1 these degrees."

EFFECT: Expands accreditation requirements to credits used in furtherance of degrees. OSPI shall verify for school districts the accreditation status of educational institutions. OSPI shall provide school districts with training and additional resources to ensure they can verify degrees. The accreditation standard is changed from the HECB to the SBE standard.

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