

SB 5728-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the determination of years of service for occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, and psychologists, regulated under Title 18 RCW, may include experience in schools and other nonschool positions as occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, or psychologists. One year of service in nonschool positions shall be counted as one year of service for purposes of this act. A maximum of five years of service in nonschool positions may be included in the determination of years of service.

Provides that, beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the determination of years of service for vocational certified instructors may include related nonschool experience for vocational certified instructors who hold a valid vocational certificate acquired as a result of noneducational work experience rather than college training and who have a degree earned from a regionally accredited institution of higher education before the issuance of the initial vocational certificate, which is a noneducational degree related to the vocational certificate. Such instructors are defined as "nondegreed." These instructors may also be determined to qualify for years of service for supervisory noneducational work experience under existing rules.