
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1449

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By House Education Appropriations & Oversight (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Haigh, Anderson, Maxwell, Sullivan, and Dammeier; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a processing fee for educator
2 certificates and subsequent actions; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.410 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.410
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that the current economic environment
8 requires that the state, when appropriate, charge for some of the
9 services provided directly to the users of those services. The office
10 of the superintendent of public instruction is currently supported with
11 state funds to process certification fees. In addition, the
12 legislature finds that the processing of certifications should be moved
13 to an online system that allows educators to manage their
14 certifications and provides better information to policymakers. The
15 legislature intends to assess a certification processing fee to
16 eliminate state-funded support of the cost to issue educator
17 certificates.

18 (2) In addition to the certification fee established under RCW
19 28A.410.060, the superintendent of public instruction shall charge an

1 application processing fee for initial educator certificates and
2 subsequent actions, once the electronic certification application
3 system is funded and implemented but not before September 1, 2013. The
4 superintendent of public instruction shall establish the amount of the
5 fee by rule under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent shall set the
6 fee at a sufficient level to defray the costs of administering the
7 educator certification program under RCW 28A.300.040(9). Revenue
8 generated through the processing fee shall be deposited in the educator
9 certification processing account.

10 (3) The educator certification processing account is established in
11 the custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public
12 instruction shall deposit in the account all moneys received from the
13 fees collected in subsection (2) of this section. Moneys in the
14 account may be spent only for the processing of educator certificates
15 and subsequent actions. Disbursements from the account shall be on
16 authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the
17 superintendent's designee. The account is subject to the allotment
18 procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
19 required for disbursements.

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