

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2575

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring that certain teacher assignment and reassignment data be included in data submitted to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

Sponsors: Representatives Bergquist, Dahlquist, Stonier and Santos; by request of Professional Educator Standards Board.

House Committee on Education
Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

Background:

The Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) maintains the state's system of educator preparation and certification. Legislation enacted in 2010 also directed the PESB to convene regional meetings of school districts and educator preparation programs to examine data and discuss topics related to educator workforce supply and demand. In its first report on this topic, the PESB concluded that many school districts do not finalize hiring of new teachers until August or September. Some wait to finalize contracts until after the start of the school year and instead rely on substitute teachers for an indeterminate duration.

The full extent of late hiring practices in Washington is not known. School districts are currently required to record in the statewide student data system the certification number for each teacher assigned to each class, along with the students enrolled in that class. However, the date the teacher is assigned to the class is not recorded.

Summary:

No later than the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, school districts must report the dates of teacher assignment and reassignment in the statewide student data system.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	92	6
Senate	49	0

Effective: June 12, 2014

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