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SENATE BILL 5941

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By Senators Rivers, Rolfes, Litzow, Dammeier, and Angel

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1            AN ACT Relating to certification of adjunct faculty as common  
2 school substitute teachers; and amending RCW 28A.410.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.010 and 2014 c 50 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1)(a) The Washington professional educator standards board shall  
7 establish, publish, and enforce rules determining eligibility for and  
8 certification of personnel employed in the common schools of this  
9 state, including certification for emergency or temporary, substitute  
10 or provisional duty and under such certificates or permits as the  
11 board shall deem proper or as otherwise prescribed by law.

12            (b)(i) By December 1, 2015, the board must amend or adopt rules  
13 that provide for the issuance of the certification necessary to serve  
14 as substitute teachers, other than emergency substitute  
15 certification, to adjunct faculty currently employed in institutions  
16 of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.07.020 and 28B.10.016, who  
17 meet the following criteria:

18            (A) A minimum of a master's degree from a regionally accredited  
19 institution of higher education;

20            (B) Three or more years of demonstrated successful experience  
21 instructing students; and

1        (C) Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness  
2 requirements adopted by rule for teachers.

3        (ii) Individuals who meet the criteria established in (b)(i) of  
4 this subsection are not required to have completed an approved  
5 teacher preparation program or to hold or have held a regular  
6 teaching certificate.

7        (c) The rules shall require that the initial application for  
8 certification shall require a record check of the applicant through  
9 the Washington state patrol criminal identification system and  
10 through the federal bureau of investigation at the applicant's  
11 expense. The record check shall include a fingerprint check using a  
12 complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint card.  
13 An individual who holds a valid portable background check clearance  
14 card issued by the department of early learning consistent with RCW  
15 43.215.215 is exempt from the office of the superintendent of public  
16 instruction fingerprint background check if the individual provides a  
17 true and accurate copy of his or her Washington state patrol and  
18 federal bureau of investigation background report results to the  
19 office of the superintendent of public instruction. The  
20 superintendent of public instruction may waive the record check for  
21 any applicant who has had a record check within the two years before  
22 application. The rules shall permit a holder of a lapsed certificate  
23 but not a revoked or suspended certificate to be employed on a  
24 conditional basis by a school district with the requirement that the  
25 holder must complete any certificate renewal requirements established  
26 by the state board of education within two years of initial  
27 reemployment.

28        ~~((b))~~ (d) In establishing rules pertaining to the  
29 qualifications of instructors of American sign language the board  
30 shall consult with the national association of the deaf, "sign  
31 instructors guidance network" (s.i.g.n.), and the Washington state  
32 association of the deaf for evaluation and certification of sign  
33 language instructors.

34        ~~((e))~~ (e) The board shall develop rules consistent with RCW  
35 18.340.020 for the certification of spouses of military personnel.

36        (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall act as the  
37 administrator of any such rules and have the power to issue any

1 certificates or permits and revoke the same in accordance with board  
2 rules.

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