

SSB 6388 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "PARAEDUCATOR REQUIREMENTS

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.413.040 and 2017 c 237 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 ~~((Effective September 1, 2018,))~~ (1)(a) A person working as a
7 paraeducator for a school district before or during the 2017-18
8 school year must meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this
9 section by the date of hire for the 2019-20 school year or any
10 subsequent school year.

11 (b) A person who has not previously worked as a paraeducator for
12 a school district must meet the requirements of subsection (2) of
13 this section by the date of hire for the 2018-19 school year or any
14 subsequent school year.

15 (2) The minimum employment requirements for paraeducators are as
16 provided in this subsection. ((The)) A paraeducator must:

17 ~~((1))~~ (a) Be at least eighteen years of age and hold a high
18 school diploma or its equivalent; and

19 ~~((2)(a))~~ (b)(i) Have received a passing grade on the education
20 testing service paraeducator assessment; or

21 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Hold an associate of arts degree; or

22 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Have earned seventy-two quarter credits or forty-
23 eight semester credits at an institution of higher education; or

24 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Have completed a registered apprenticeship program.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By October 1, 2018, a school district that
26 does not receive funding under Title I of the federal elementary and
27 secondary education act of 1965 must report to the paraeducator board
28 with the following information about paraeducators hired by the
29 school district for the 2018-19 school year, as of September 1, 2018:

1 The total number of paraeducators and the number who meet the minimum
2 employment requirements provided in RCW 28A.413.040.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.413.060 and 2017 c 237 s 7 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) ~~((Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
6 this specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2019,))~~ School
7 districts must implement this section only in school years for which
8 state funding is appropriated specifically for the purposes of this
9 section and only for the number of days that are funded by the
10 appropriation.

11 (2) School districts must provide a four-day fundamental course
12 of study on the state standards of practice, as defined by the board,
13 to paraeducators who have not completed the course, either in the
14 district or in another district within the state. School districts
15 must use best efforts to provide the fundamental course of study
16 before the paraeducator begins to work with students and their
17 families, and at a minimum by the deadlines provided in subsection
18 ~~((2))~~ (3) of this section.

19 ~~((2))~~ (3) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, school
20 districts must provide the fundamental course of study required in
21 subsection ~~((1))~~ (2) of this section ~~((as follows))~~ by the
22 deadlines provided in (a) of this subsection:

23 (a)(i) For paraeducators hired on or before September 1st, by
24 September 30th of that year, regardless of the size of the district;
25 and

26 ~~((b))~~ (ii) For paraeducators hired after September 1st:

27 ~~((i))~~ (A) For districts with ten thousand or more students,
28 within four months of the date of hire; and

29 ~~((ii))~~ (B) For districts with fewer than ten thousand students,
30 no later than September 1st of the following year.

31 ~~((3))~~ (b)(i) For paraeducators hired for the 2018-19 school
32 year, by September 1, 2020; and

33 (ii) For paraeducators not hired for the 2018-19 school year, but
34 hired for the 2019-20 school year, by September 1, 2021.

35 (4) School districts may collaborate with other school districts
36 or educational service districts to meet the requirements of this
37 section.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.413.070 and 2017 c 237 s 8 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) School districts must implement this section only in school
4 years for which state funding is appropriated specifically for the
5 purposes of this section and only for the number of days that are
6 funded by the appropriation.

7 (2)(a) Paraeducators may become eligible for a general
8 paraeducator certificate by completing the four-day fundamental
9 course of study, as required under RCW 28A.413.060, and an additional
10 ten days of general courses, as defined by the board, on the state
11 paraeducator standards of practice, described in RCW 28A.413.050.

12 (b) Paraeducators are not required to meet the general
13 paraeducator certificate requirements under this subsection (~~((1))~~)
14 ~~(2)~~ unless ~~((amounts are appropriated for the specific purposes of~~
15 ~~subsection (2) of this section and RCW 28A.413.060))~~ the courses
16 necessary to meet the requirements are funded by the state in
17 accordance with subsection (1) of this section and RCW
18 28A.413.060(1).

19 ~~((2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for~~
20 ~~this specific purpose,))~~ (3) Beginning September 1, 2019, school
21 districts must:

22 (a) Provide paraeducators with general courses on the state
23 paraeducator standards of practice; and

24 (b) Ensure all paraeducators employed by the district meet the
25 general certification requirements of this section within three years
26 of completing the four-day fundamental course of study.

27 ~~((3))~~ (4) The general paraeducator certificate does not
28 expire."

29 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes provisions modifying the Pipeline for
Paraeducators Conditional Scholarship Program.

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