

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5662

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to designate a member of the professional educator standards board.

Sponsors: Senator Zeiger; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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

Background: The Professional Educator Standards Board (board) is a 13-member board responsible for establishing the requirements for the state certification of educators, and approving educator preparation and certification programs. The board consists of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and 12 members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. The law does not provide that the Superintendent may appoint a designee to fill his or her membership on the board.

Board vacancies must be filled by appointment or reappointment by the Governor. No person may serve as a board member for more than two consecutive terms. The Governor biennially appoints a board chair, who may serve as chair for no more than four consecutive years.

A majority of the board members must be active practitioners with classroom-based experience. Membership must include individuals having one or more of the following:

- experience in one or more of the education roles for which state preparation program approval is required and certificates issued;
- experience providing or leading a state-approved teacher or educator preparation program;
- experience providing mentoring and coaching to education professionals or others; and
- education-related community experience.

In appointing board members, the Governor must consider the individual's commitment to quality education and the ongoing improvement of instruction, experiences in public schools or private schools, involvement in developing quality teaching preparation and support programs, and vision for the most effective yet practical system of assuring teaching quality. The Governor must also consider the diversity of the population of the state.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

All appointments to the board are subject to confirmation by the Senate. Compensation of board members must be consistent with relevant law and include reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while carrying out duties of the board.

The Governor may remove a member of the board for neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance, or misfeasance in office, or for incompetency or unprofessional conduct. In such a case, the Governor must file with the Secretary of State a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from office. The Secretary of State must send a certified copy of the statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post office address of the member.

Members of the board must hire an executive director and an administrative assistant to reside in OSPI for administrative purposes only. Members of the board may create informal advisory groups as needed to inform the board's work.

Summary: The Professional Educator Standards Board must consist of twelve members appointed by the Governor, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	94	4

Effective: July 23, 2017