

SSB 6297 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Human Services & Early Learning

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The department must provide persons working as early learning
6 providers on the effective date of this section and who are required
7 to have early childhood education initial certificates or short
8 certificates, or both, the option to meet these requirements through
9 their experience-based demonstrated competence.

10 (2) An existing early learning provider is eligible to
11 demonstrate their competence if the provider:

12 (a) Has been employed by a licensed child care center or home, or
13 both, for a total of seven years by August 1, 2026; and

14 (b) Completed all training that was required during the seven
15 years including in-service requirements and health and safety
16 training.

17 (3) The experience-based demonstrated competence is an individual
18 determination and is portable between facilities.

19 (4) The department must review applications for the experience-
20 based competency demonstration and inform applicants of their results
21 on a quarterly basis.

22 (5) This section expires December 31, 2027.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) The department must provide persons working as early learning
26 providers on the effective date of this section and who are required
27 to have early childhood education initial certificates or short
28 certificates, or both, the option to meet these requirements through
29 their experience-based demonstrated competence.

1 (2) An existing early learning provider is eligible to
2 demonstrate their competence if the provider:

3 (a) Has been employed by a licensed child care center or home, or
4 both, for a total of seven years by August 1, 2024; and

5 (b) Completed all training that was required during the seven
6 years including in-service requirements and health and safety
7 training.

8 (3) The experience-based demonstrated competence is an individual
9 determination and is portable between facilities.

10 (4) The department must review applications for the experience-
11 based competency demonstration and inform applicants of their results
12 on a quarterly basis.

13 (5) This section expires December 31, 2025.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Section 1 of this act takes effect
15 only if chapter . . . (Substitute House Bill No. 2556), Laws of 2020
16 is enacted by the effective date of this section.

17 (2) Section 2 of this act takes effect only if chapter . . .
18 (Substitute House Bill No. 2556), Laws of 2020 is not enacted by the
19 effective date of this section.

20 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Changes the date by which a provider must have been
employed by a licensed child care center or home, or both, for a
total of seven years from August 1, 2024, to August 1, 2026. This
change is contingent upon passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2556.

(2) Adds expiration dates.

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