
Education Committee

SB 5903

Brief Description: Concerning representation in the educator preparation act.

Sponsors: Senators Wilson, C., Nobles, Frame, Hunt, Trudeau and Wellman; by request of Professional Educator Standards Board.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds a student member to the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Hearing Date: 2/19/24

Staff: Megan Wargacki (786-7194).

Background:

The Professional Educator Standards Board is a statutorily created 12-member board whose duties include establishment and enforcement of rules determining eligibility for the certification of teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates working in elementary and secondary schools.

Eleven members of the board are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms and the twelfth member is the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee. All appointments to the board made by the Governor are subject to confirmation by the Senate. No person may serve as a member of the board for more than two consecutive full four-year terms. Members of the board must be compensated and reimbursed for travel expenses.

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

1. experience in one or more of the education roles for which state preparation program

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- approval is required and certificates issued;
2. experience providing or leading a state-approved teacher or educator preparation program;
 3. experience providing mentoring and coaching to education professionals or others; or
 4. 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 the 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.

Vacancies on the board must be filled by appointment or reappointment by the Governor to terms of four years. 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.

Summary of Bill:

A student, either an undergraduate or graduate student, enrolled in a Professional Educator Standards Board-approved preparation program is added to the membership of the board. The student member must serve a two-year term.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.