

SB 6388 -- Redline

Substitute to Bill -- Concerning paraeducators.

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~~S-4581,1~~SUBSTITUTE~~S-3830.1~~SENATE ~~SENATE~~ BILL 6388 State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session By ~~Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet and Rivers)~~ Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet and Rivers) READ ~~Rivers~~ Read FIRST ~~first~~ first TIME ~~time~~ 02/01/18 ~~AN~~ 01/15/18 ~~ACT Relating to paraeducators;~~ amending Referred RCW to 28A.413.040, Committee 28A.413.060, on 28A.413.070, Early and Learning 28A.660.050; & K-12 Education. AN ACT Relating to paraeducators;
creating ~~amending~~ a RCW now ~~28A.413.040, section;~~ 28A.660.042, and 28A.413.060;
and ~~repealing~~ making ~~RCW~~ appropriations ~~BE~~ 28A.660.042 ~~BE~~ IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: ~~PARAEDUCATOR~~ WASHINGTON: Sec. 1. RCW REQUIREMENTS ~~Sec. 1. RCW 28A.413.040 and 2017 c 237 s 5 are each amended to read as follows: ((Effective September 1, 2018,)) 2018, (1)(a) A person working as a paraeducator for a school district before or during the 2017-18 minimum school employment year must meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this section by the date of hire for the paraeducators 2019-20 are school as year provided or in any this subsequent section.)) school (1) year. (b) All paraeducators person currently who employed has and not hired previously before worked September as 1, a 2018, paraeducator have for until a September school 1, district 2019, must to meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this section by the date of hire for the 2018-19 school year or any subsequent school year. (2) The minimum employment requirements standards for paraeducators are as provided in this subsection. section.~~
~~((The)) Paraeducators A hired paraeducator on must: (((1))) or (a) after Be September at 1, least 2018, eighteen must years meet of the age minimum and employment hold standards a in high this school section diploma when or they its are equivalent; hired.~~
The paraeducator must: (((1))) (a) Be at least eighteen years of age and hold a high school diploma or its equivalent;
~~or (((d))) (iv) Have completed a registered apprenticeship program. NEW program. (2) SECTION. Sec. 2. By Non-Title October 1, school 2018, districts a should school provide district the that professional does educator not standards receive paraeducator funding board under by Title September 1, of 2018, the a federal report elementary of and how secondary many education current act paraeducators of have 1965 met must minimum report employment to requirements the and paraeducator how board many with have not met the following minimum information employment about requirements. Sec. 2. RCW paraeducators 28A.660.042 hired and by 2017 the c school 237 districts for 19 the are 2018-19 each school amended year, to read as of follows: (((1))) September The 1, pipeline 2018; for paraeducators conditional scholarship program is created.~~
~~The Participation total is number limited of to paraeducators and without the number who meet the minimum employment requirements provided in RCW 28A.413.040. Sec. 3. RCW 28A.413.060 and 2017 c 237 s 7 are each amended to read as follows: (1) ((Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2019,)) School districts must implement this section only in school years for which state funding is appropriated specifically for the purposes of this section and only for the number of days that are funded by the appropriation. (2) School districts must provide a four-day college fundamental degree course of study on the state standards of practice, as defined by the board, to paraeducators who have not ((at completed least the three course years either of in classroom)) the experience ((. district or in another district within the state.~~
School It districts is must anticipated use that best candidates efforts enrolled to in provide this the program fundamental will course complete their associate of study arts before degree the at paraeducator a begins community to and work technical with college students in and two their years families, or less and at become eligible for an endorsement in a minimum subject matter shortage area, as defined by the deadlines professional educator standards board,)) as defined by the professional educator standards board via route one in the alternative routes to teacher certification program provided in subsection this (((2))) chapter. (((2) (3) Entry requirements for candidates include district or building validation of this qualifications, section. (((2))) including (3) three Except years of successful student interaction and leadership as provided a in classified (b) instructional of employee.)) Sec. 3. RCW this 28A.413.060 subsection, and school 2017 districts c must 237 provides the 7 fundamental are course each of amended study to required read in as subsection follows: (1) (((1))) Subject (2) to the availability of amounts appropriated for this section specific ((as purpose, follows)) beginning by September the 1, deadlines 2019, provided school in districts (a) must of provide this a subsection: (a) (i) four-day For fundamental paraeducators course hired of study on or the before state September standards 1st, of practice, as defined by September the 30th board, of to that paraeducators year, who regardless have of not completed the size course, of either in the district; district or in another district within the state. and (((b))) School (ii) districts For will paraeducators have hired from after September 1st: (((i))) 1, (A) 2019, For to districts September with 1, ten 2020, thousand to or provide more the students, fundamental within course four of months study of to the all date paraeducators of hired hire; before September 1, 2019.

~~and(((ii)))For (B)any For~~paraeducator hired on or after September 1, 2019, school districts must use best efforts to provide the fundamental course of study before the paraeducator begins to work with fewer students than and ten their thousand families, students, and not later a than minimum September 1st the deadlines provided in subsection (2) of this section.(2) School districts must provide the following fundamental year.(((3)))course (b)(i)of study required in subsection (1) of this section as follows:(a) For paraeducators hired for on theor 2018-10before schoolSeptember year, 1st, by September 1, 30th 2020, of that year, regardless of the size of the district;

~~and(ii)and(b) For paraeducators not hired forafter the 2018-19 school year, but hired for the 2019-20 school year, by September 1, 1st:(i) 2021.(4)For~~School districts may collaborate with other ten school thousand districts or educational more service students, districts within to four meet months the requirements of this section.Sec. 4. RCW 28A.413.070 and 2017 c 237 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:(1) School districts must implement this section only in school years for which state funding is appropriated specifically for the purposes date of this hire; section and only for the number of days that are funded by the appropriation.(2)(a) Paraeducators may become eligible for a general paraeducator certificate by completing the four day fundamental course of study, as required under RCW 28A.413.060, and an additional ten days of general courses, as defined by the board, on the state paraeducator standards of practice, described in RCW 28A.413.050.(b) Paraeducators are not required to meet the general paraeducator certificate requirements under this subsection (((1))) (2) unless ((amounts are appropriated for the specific purposes of subsection (2) of this section and RCW 28A.413.060)) the courses necessary to meet the requirements are funded by the state in accordance with subsection (1) of this section and RCW 28A.413.060(1).(((2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose,)) (3) Beginning September 1, 2019, school districts must:(a) Provide paraeducators with general courses on the state paraeducator standards of practice;

~~and(b)and(ii) EnsureFor all districts paraeducators with employed fewer by than the ten district thousand meet students, no later than September 1st of the general following certification year.(3) School districts may collaborate with other school districts or educational service districts to meet the requirements of this section section.NEW within SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) threeThe years sum of completing five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the four day fiscal fundamental year course ending of June study.(((3)))30, (4)2019. Thefrom the general paraeducator fund certificate to doesthe not state expire.PIPELINEof FOR Washington PARAEDUCATORS professional CONDITIONAL educator SCHOLARSHIP Sec. 5. RCW standards 28A.660.050 board to provide overall oversight and 2016 procure cor 233 develop s professional 14 development are for each specialty amended certificates to and read align as courses follows:Subject with general certificate professional development, including any necessary changes or edits to the general availability certificate online modules.(2) The sum of amounts five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for this the specific fiscal purpose, year ending June 30, 2020, from the conditional general scholarship fund program to in the this state chapter of are Washington created professional under educator the standards following board guidelines:(1) to The provide programs overall shall oversight be and administered procure by or the develop student professional achievement development council for specialty certificates and align courses with general certificate professional development, including any necessary changes or edits to general certificate online modules.--- END ---~~

~~In administering the programs, the council has the following powers and duties:(a) To adopt necessary rules and develop guidelines to administer the programs;(b) To collect and manage repayments from participants who do not meet their service obligations;~~

~~and(c) To accept grants and donations from public and private sources for the programs.(2) Requirements for participation in the conditional scholarship programs are as provided in this subsection (2).(a) The alternative route conditional scholarship program is limited to interns of professional educator standards board approved alternative route teacher certification programs under ((RCW 28A.660.040)) RCW 28A.660.020.~~

~~For fiscal year 2011, priority must be given to fiscal year 2010 participants in the alternative route partnership program.~~

~~In order to receive conditional scholarship awards, recipients shall:(i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment in an alternative route teacher certification program through a professional educator standards board approved program;(ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of the alternative route teacher certification program and receipt of a residency teaching certificate; and(iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship, not to exceed eight thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees, and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and transportation for the alternative route teacher certification program in which the recipient is enrolled.~~

~~The council may adjust the annual award by the average rate of resident undergraduate tuition and fee increases at the state universities as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.(b) The pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship program is limited to ((qualified)) paraeducators ((as provided by RCW 28A.660.042)) without a college degree who have experience as defined by the professional educator standards board.~~

~~In order to receive conditional scholarship awards, recipients shall:(i) Be accepted and maintain enrollment at a community and technical college ((for no more than two years and attain an associate of arts degree));(ii) Continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of an associate of arts degree((-~~

~~This progress requirement is a condition for eligibility into a route one program of the alternative route teacher certification program for an early childhood education, elementary education, mathematics, computer science, special education, bilingual education, or English as a second language endorsement)) with an educational plan that includes enrollment in an alternative route teacher certification program; and(iii) Receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship, not to exceed four thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, fees, and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and transportation ((for the alternative route teacher certification program in which the recipient is enrolled)).~~

~~The ((student achievement council may adjust the annual)) award may be adjusted annually by the average rate of tuition and fee increases at the state community and technical colleges.(c) The educator retooling conditional scholarship program is limited to current K-12 teachers.~~

~~In order to receive conditional scholarship awards:(i) Individuals currently employed as teachers shall pursue an endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator standards board, including but not limited to mathematics, science, special education, elementary education, early childhood education, bilingual education, English language learner, computer science education, or environmental and sustainability education;~~

~~or(ii) Individuals who are certificated with an elementary education endorsement shall pursue an endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator standards board, including but not limited to mathematics, science, special education, bilingual education, English language learner, computer science education, or environmental and sustainability education;~~

~~and(iii) Individuals shall use one of the pathways to endorsement processes to receive an endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the professional educator standards board, including but not limited to mathematics, science, special education, bilingual education, English language learner, computer science education, or environmental and sustainability education, which shall include passing an endorsement test plus observation and completing applicable coursework to attain the proper endorsement;~~

~~and(iv) Individuals shall receive no more than the annual amount of the scholarship, not to exceed three thousand dollars, for the cost of tuition, test fees, and educational expenses, including books, supplies, and transportation for the endorsement pathway being pursued.(3) The Washington professional educator standards board shall select individuals to receive conditional scholarships.~~

~~In selecting recipients, preference shall be given to eligible veterans or national guard members.~~

~~In awarding conditional scholarships to support additional bilingual education or English language learner endorsements, the board shall also give preference to teachers assigned to schools required under state or federal accountability measures to implement a plan for improvement, and to teachers assigned to schools whose enrollment of English language learner students has increased an average of more than five percent per year over the previous three years.(4) For the purpose of this chapter, a conditional scholarship is a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part in exchange for service as a certificated teacher employed in a Washington state K-12 public school.~~

~~The state shall forgive one year of loan obligation for every two years a recipient teaches in a public school.~~

~~Recipients who fail to continue a course of study leading to residency teacher certification or cease to teach in a public school in the state of Washington in their endorsement area are required to repay the remaining loan principal with interest.(5) Recipients who fail to fulfill the required teaching obligation are required to repay the remaining loan principal with interest and any other applicable fees.~~

~~The student achievement council shall adopt rules to define the terms for repayment, including applicable interest rates, fees, and deferments.(6) The student achievement council may deposit all appropriations, collections, and any other funds received for the program in this chapter in the future teachers conditional scholarship account authorized in RCW 28B.102.080.NEW SECTION, Sec. 6. RCW 28A.660.042 (Pipeline for paraeducators conditional scholarship program) and 2017 c 237 s 19 & 2007 c 306 s 6 are each repealed.-----END-----~~