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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Peery, Betrozoff, Phillips, Jacobsen, Ebersole, Orr, Rasmussen, Ogden, Franklin, Cooper, Hine, H. Myers and O'Brien; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction and Board of Education).

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1 AN ACT Relating to K-12 education personnel training and
2 recruitment; amending RCW 28A.415.010 and 28A.630.400; creating new
3 sections; and recodifying RCW 28A.305.260, 28A.305.270, and
4 28A.405.450.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of RCW 28A.415.010 and
7 28A.405.450 as recodified by this act to foster and consolidate K-12
8 educational staff recruitment and training programs and to provide a
9 continuum of coordinated, comprehensive, regionalized programs designed
10 to enhance the quality of instruction, as well as to improve the ethnic
11 and racial diversity reflected in Washington's K-12 education
12 personnel.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.415.010 and 1990 c 33 s 414 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

1 It shall be the responsibility of each educational service district
2 board to establish a center for the improvement of teaching. The
3 center shall administer, coordinate, and act as fiscal agent for such
4 programs related to the recruitment and training of certificated and
5 classified K-12 education personnel as may be delegated to the center
6 by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.310.470, or
7 the state board of education under RCW 28A.310.480. To assist in these
8 activities, each educational service district board shall establish an
9 improvement of teaching coordinating council to include, at a minimum,
10 representatives as specified in RCW 28A.415.040. An existing in-
11 service training task force, established pursuant to RCW 28A.415.040,
12 may serve as the improvement of teaching coordinating council. The
13 educational service district board shall ensure coordination of
14 programs established pursuant to RCW 28A.415.030, 28A.410.060, and
15 28A.405.450 as recodified by this 1991 act.

16 The educational service district board may arrange each year for
17 the holding of one or more teachers' institutes and/or workshops for
18 professional staff preparation and in-service training in such manner
19 and at such time as the board believes will be of benefit to the
20 teachers and other professional staff of school districts within the
21 educational service district and shall comply with rules and
22 regulations of the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.410.060
23 or the superintendent of public instruction or state board of education
24 pursuant to RCW 28A.405.450 as recodified by this 1991 act. The board
25 may provide such additional means of teacher and other professional
26 staff preparation and in-service training as it may deem necessary or
27 appropriate and there shall be a proper charge against the educational
28 service district general expense fund when approved by the educational
29 service district board.

1 Educational service district boards of contiguous educational
2 service districts, by mutual arrangements, may hold joint institutes
3 and/or workshops, the expenses to be shared in proportion to the
4 numbers of certificated personnel as shown by the last annual reports
5 of the educational service districts holding such joint institutes or
6 workshops.

7 In local school districts employing more than one hundred teachers
8 and other professional staff, the school district superintendent may
9 hold a teachers' institute of one or more days in such district, said
10 institute when so held by the school district superintendent to be in
11 all respects governed by the provisions of this title and state board
12 of education rules and regulations relating to teachers' institutes
13 held by educational service district superintendents.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.630.400 and 1989 c 370 s 1 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The state board of education and the state board for community
17 college education, in consultation with the superintendent of public
18 instruction, the higher education coordinating board, the state
19 apprenticeship training council, and community colleges, shall work
20 cooperatively to develop by September 1, 1992, (~~a ninety unit~~) an
21 educational paraprofessional associate of arts degree.

22 (2) As used in this section, an "educational paraprofessional" is
23 an individual who has completed an associate of arts degree for an
24 educational paraprofessional. The educational paraprofessional may be
25 hired by a school district to assist certificated instructional staff
26 in the direct instruction of children in small and large groups,
27 individualized instruction, testing of children, recordkeeping, and
28 preparation of materials. The educational paraprofessional shall work
29 under the direction of instructional certificated staff.

1 (3) The training program for an educational paraprofessional
2 associate of arts degree shall include, but is not limited to, the
3 general requirements for receipt of an associate of arts degree and
4 training in the areas of introduction to childhood education,
5 orientation to handicapped children, fundamentals of childhood
6 education, creative activities for children, instructional materials
7 for children, fine art experiences for children, the psychology of
8 learning, introduction to education, child health and safety, child
9 development and guidance, first aid, and a practicum in a school
10 setting.

11 (4) In developing the program, consideration shall be given to
12 transferability of credit earned in this program to teacher preparation
13 programs at colleges and universities.

14 (5) The agencies identified under subsection (1) of this section
15 shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement
16 this section.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.305.260, 28A.305.270, and
18 28A.405.450 are each recodified as sections in chapter 28A.415 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The code reviser shall correct all
20 references in the revised code of Washington to the sections of the
21 code that are recodified by section 4 of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If specific funding for the purposes of
23 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
24 30, 1991, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
25 void.