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1 AN ACT Relating to educator certification assessments; amending
2 RCW 28A.410.220 and 28A.410.2211; and repealing RCW 28A.410.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.220 and 2019 c 121 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
7 make available a means of assessing an applicant's knowledge in the
8 basic skills. For the purposes of this section, "basic skills" means
9 the subjects of at least reading, writing, and mathematics. An
10 applicant must take this basic skills assessment, or an alternative
11 or equivalent basic skills assessment as determined by the Washington
12 professional educator standards board, and report the individual
13 results to the Washington professional educator standards board and
14 an approved teacher preparation program, for admission to the
15 approved teacher preparation program.

16 (b) An approved teacher preparation program may use the results
17 of the basic skills assessment, or an alternative or equivalent basic
18 skills assessment as determined by the Washington professional
19 educator standards board, as a formative assessment of academic
20 strengths and weakness in determining the candidate's readiness for
21 the program.

1 (c) The Washington professional educator standards board may
2 establish criteria to ensure that persons from out-of-state who are
3 applying for residency certification and persons applying to master's
4 degree level teacher preparation programs can demonstrate to the
5 board's satisfaction that they have the requisite basic skills.

6 (d) The Washington professional educator standards board may
7 identify and accept other tests and test scores as long as the tests
8 are comparable in rigor to the basic skills assessment and candidates
9 meet or exceed the basic skills requirements established by the
10 board.

11 ~~((The Washington professional educator standards board shall
12 set performance standards and develop, pilot, and implement a uniform
13 and externally administered))~~ Applicants for certification shall not
14 be required to perform a professional-level certification assessment
15 ((based on demonstrated teaching skill. In the development of this
16 assessment, consideration shall be given to changes in professional
17 certification program components such as the culminating seminar)) in
18 order to receive a residency certificate under this section.

19 (3) Beginning not later than September 1, 2002, the Washington
20 professional educator standards board shall provide for the initial
21 piloting and implementation of a means of assessing an applicant's
22 knowledge in the subjects for which the applicant has applied for an
23 endorsement to his or her residency or professional teaching
24 certificate. The assessment of subject knowledge shall not include
25 instructional methodology. Beginning September 1, 2005, passing this
26 assessment shall be required to receive an endorsement for
27 certification purposes.

28 (4) The Washington professional educator standards board may
29 permit exceptions from the assessment requirements under subsections
30 ~~(1)((~~r~~-(2)~~r~~))~~ and (3) of this section on a case-by-case basis.

31 (5) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
32 provide for reasonable accommodations for individuals who are
33 required to take the assessments in subsection ~~(1)((~~r~~-(2)~~r~~))~~ or (3)
34 of this section if the individuals have learning or other
35 disabilities.

36 ~~((With the exception of applicants exempt from the
37 requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section, an applicant
38 must achieve a minimum assessment score or scores established by the
39 Washington professional educator standards board on each of the
40 assessments under subsections (2) and (3) of this section.~~

1 ~~(7)~~) The Washington professional educator standards board and
2 superintendent of public instruction, as determined by the Washington
3 professional educator standards board, may contract with one or more
4 third parties for:

5 (a) The development, purchase, administration, scoring, and
6 reporting of scores of the assessments established by the Washington
7 professional educator standards board under subsections (1)~~((~~1~~-~~2~~))~~
8 and (3) of this section;

9 (b) Related clerical and administrative activities; or

10 (c) Any combination of the purposes in this subsection.

11 ~~((8))~~ (7) Applicants for admission to a Washington teacher
12 preparation program and applicants for residency and professional
13 certificates who are required to successfully complete one or more of
14 the assessments under subsections (1)~~((~~1~~-~~2~~))~~ and (3) of this
15 section, and who are charged a fee for the assessment by a third
16 party contracted with under subsection ~~((7))~~ (6) of this section,
17 shall pay the fee charged by the contractor directly to the
18 contractor. Such fees shall be reasonably related to the actual costs
19 of the contractor in providing the assessment.

20 ~~((9))~~ (8) The superintendent of public instruction is
21 responsible for supervision and providing support services to
22 administer this section.

23 ~~((10))~~ (9) The Washington professional educator standards board
24 shall collaboratively select or develop and implement the applicable
25 assessments ~~((and minimum assessment scores))~~ required under this
26 section with the superintendent of public instruction and shall
27 provide opportunities for representatives of other interested
28 educational organizations to participate in the selection or
29 development and implementation of such assessments in a manner deemed
30 appropriate by the Washington professional educator standards board.

31 ~~((11))~~ (10) The Washington professional educator standards
32 board shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW that are reasonably
33 necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of this
34 section.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.410.2211 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each
36 amended to read as follows:

37 ~~((1))~~ The professional educator standards board shall revise
38 assessments for prospective teachers and teachers adding subject area

1 endorsements required for teacher certification under RCW 28A.410.220
2 to measure the revised standards in RCW 28A.410.221.

3 ~~((2) In implementing the evidence-based assessment of teaching~~
4 ~~effectiveness under RCW 28A.410.280, the professional educator~~
5 ~~standards board shall require that successful candidates for the~~
6 ~~residency certificate demonstrate effective subject specific~~
7 ~~instructional methods that address the revised standards.))~~

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.410.280 (Evidence-based assessment
9 of teaching effectiveness—Teacher preparation program requirement)
10 and 2010 c 235 s 501 are each repealed.

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