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**SENATE BILL 5903**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators C. Wilson and Nobles; by request of Professional Educator Standards Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to representation in the educator preparation  
2 act; and amending RCW 28A.410.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.200 and 2017 c 189 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) The Washington professional educator standards board is  
7 created, consisting of (~~twelve~~) 13 members to be appointed by the  
8 governor to four-year terms except for the student member, who shall  
9 serve a two-year term, and the superintendent of public instruction  
10 or the superintendent's designee. (~~On August 1, 2009, the board~~  
11 ~~shall be reduced to twelve members.~~)

12 (b) Vacancies on the board shall be filled by appointment or  
13 reappointment by the governor to terms of four years except for the  
14 student member, who shall serve a two-year term.

15 (c) No person may serve as a member of the board for more than  
16 two consecutive full (~~four-year~~) terms.

17 (d) The governor shall biennially appoint the chair of the board.  
18 No board member may serve as chair for more than four consecutive  
19 years.

20 (2)(a) A majority of the members of the board shall be active  
21 practitioners with the majority being classroom based. Membership on

1 the board shall include individuals having one or more of the  
2 following:

3 ~~((a))~~ (i) Experience in one or more of the education roles for  
4 which state preparation program approval is required and certificates  
5 issued;

6 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Experience providing or leading a state-approved  
7 teacher or educator preparation program;

8 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Experience providing mentoring and coaching to  
9 education professionals or others; and

10 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Education-related community experience.

11 (b) One of the members shall be a student, either an  
12 undergraduate or a graduate student, enrolled in a board-approved  
13 preparation program in the state.

14 (3) In appointing board members, the governor shall consider the  
15 individual's commitment to quality education and the ongoing  
16 improvement of instruction, experiences in the public schools or  
17 private schools, involvement in developing quality teaching  
18 preparation and support programs, and vision for the most effective  
19 yet practical system of assuring teaching quality. The governor shall  
20 also consider the diversity of the population of the state.

21 (4) All appointments to the board made by the governor are  
22 subject to confirmation by the senate.

23 (5) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance  
24 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
25 incurred in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with  
26 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

27 (6) The governor may remove a member of the board for neglect of  
28 duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or for  
29 incompetency or unprofessional conduct as defined in chapter 18.130  
30 RCW. In such a case, the governor shall file with the secretary of  
31 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from  
32 office, and the secretary of state shall send a certified copy of the  
33 statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post  
34 office address of the member.

35 (7) Members of the board shall hire an executive director and an  
36 administrative assistant to reside in the office of the  
37 superintendent of public instruction for administrative purposes  
38 only.

1           (8) Members of the board may create informal advisory groups as  
2 needed to inform the board's work.

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