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HOUSE BILL 1015

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By Representatives Santos, Ybarra, Bergquist, Stonier, Leavitt, Rude,  
and Jacobsen; by request of Professional Educator Standards Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to minimum employment requirements for  
2 paraeducators; amending RCW 28A.413.040; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.413.040 and 2018 c 153 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) A person working as a paraeducator for a school district  
7 before or during the 2017-18 school year must meet the requirements  
8 of subsection (2) of this section by the date of hire for the 2019-20  
9 school year or any subsequent school year.

10 (b) A person who has not previously worked as a paraeducator for  
11 a school district must meet the requirements of subsection (2) of  
12 this section by the date of hire for the 2018-19 school year or any  
13 subsequent school year.

14 (2) The minimum employment requirements for paraeducators are as  
15 provided in this subsection. A paraeducator must:

16 (a) Be at least ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age and hold a high  
17 school diploma or its equivalent; and

18 (b)(i) Have received a passing grade on ~~((the education testing  
19 service paraeducator assessment))~~ an assessment approved by the  
20 board; ~~((or))~~

21 (ii) Hold an associate of arts degree; ~~((or))~~

1           (iii) Have earned (~~seventy-two~~) 72 quarter credits or (~~forty-~~  
2 ~~eight~~) 48 semester credits at an institution of higher education; or  
3           (iv) Have completed a registered apprenticeship program.

4           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
6 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
7 effect immediately.

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