
HOUSE BILL 1825

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By Representatives Harris and Stonier

1 AN ACT Relating to certificated teacher compensation at the
2 Washington state center for deaf and hard of hearing youth and the
3 state school for the blind; amending RCW 72.40.028; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the
7 Washington state center for deaf and hard of hearing youth and the
8 state school for the blind each provide unique services to students
9 in Washington state.

10 (2) The legislature finds that certificated staff at the
11 Washington state center for deaf and hard of hearing youth and the
12 state school for the blind regularly provide the type of enrichment
13 services identified in RCW 28A.150.276.

14 (3) It is the intent of the legislature that the certificated
15 staff at the Washington state center for deaf and hard of hearing
16 youth and the state school for the blind be compensated commensurate
17 to certificated staff in the school district in which the two state
18 schools are located.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 72.40.028 and 2019 c 266 s 5 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

1 All teachers employed by the Washington center for deaf and hard
2 of hearing youth and the state school for the blind shall meet all
3 certification requirements and the programs shall meet all
4 accreditation requirements and conform to the standards defined by
5 law or by rule of the Washington professional educator standards
6 board or the office of the state superintendent of public
7 instruction. The superintendent and the director, by rule, may adopt
8 additional educational standards for their respective facilities.
9 Salaries of all certificated employees shall be (~~based on the~~
10 ~~statewide average salary set forth in RCW 28A.150.410, adjusted by~~
11 ~~the regionalization factor that applies to the school district in~~
12 ~~which the program or facility is located~~) set so as to conform and
13 be contemporary with the average total salary paid to other
14 certificated employees of similar background and experience in the
15 school district in which the program or facility is located, based on
16 school district salary data reported annually to the superintendent
17 of public instruction. The superintendent and the director may
18 provide for provisional certification for teachers in their
19 respective facilities including certification for emergency,
20 temporary, substitute, or provisional duty.

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