
SENATE BILL 6189

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring teacher preparation programs to
2 integrate Native American curriculum developed by the office of the
3 superintendent of public instruction into existing Pacific Northwest
4 history and government requirements; amending RCW 28B.10.710; and
5 creating a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the 2015
8 legislature mandated common schools to use the Since Time Immemorial
9 curriculum, developed by the office of the superintendent of public
10 instruction and available free of charge. The legislature recognizes
11 the need to extend the state's commitment to educate students about
12 tribal sovereignty, history, culture, and treaty rights by requiring
13 educator preparation programs to also use the Since Time Immemorial
14 curriculum. The legislature intends the use of the curriculum to
15 improve the understanding of students and educators about the past
16 contributions of Indian nations to the state of Washington and the
17 contemporary and ongoing tribal and state government relations.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.710 and 2006 c 263 s 823 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

1 (1)(a) There shall be a one quarter or semester course in either
2 Washington state history and government, or Pacific Northwest history
3 and government in the curriculum of all (~~teachers' colleges and~~
4 ~~teachers' courses in all institutions of higher education~~) teacher
5 preparation programs.

6 (b) No person shall be graduated from any of said (~~schools~~)
7 programs without completing said course of study, unless otherwise
8 determined by the Washington professional educator standards board.

9 (2) Any course in Washington state or Pacific Northwest history
10 and government used to fulfill (~~this~~) the requirement in subsection
11 (1) of this section shall include information on the culture,
12 history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the
13 first human inhabitants of the state and the region.

14 (3) Teacher preparation programs shall meet the requirements of
15 this section by integrating the curriculum developed and made
16 available free of charge by the office of the superintendent of
17 public instruction into existing programs or courses and may modify
18 that curriculum in order to incorporate elements that have a
19 regionally specific focus.

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