

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The state board of education and the state board for community college education, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, the higher education coordinating board, the state apprenticeship training council, and community colleges, shall work cooperatively to develop by September 1, 1992, a ninety unit educational paraprofessional associate of arts degree.

(2) As used in this section, an "educational paraprofessional" is an individual who has completed an associate of arts degree for an educational paraprofessional. The educational paraprofessional may be hired by a school district to assist certificated instructional staff in the direct instruction of children in small and large groups, individualized instruction, testing of children, recordkeeping, and preparation of materials. The educational paraprofessional shall work under the direction of instructional certificated staff.

(3) The training program for an educational paraprofessional associate of arts degree shall include, but is not limited to, the general requirements for receipt of an associate of arts degree and training in the areas of introduction to childhood education, orientation to handicapped children, fundamentals of childhood education, creative activities for children, instructional materials for children, fine art experiences for children, the psychology of learning, introduction to education, child health and safety, child development and guidance, first aid, and a practicum in a school setting.

(4) In developing the program, consideration shall be given to transferability of credit earned in this program to teacher preparation programs at colleges and universities.

(5) The agencies identified under subsection (1) of this section shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement this section.

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CHAPTER 371

[House Bill No. 1841]

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP—PARENTS

AN ACT Relating to instructional materials; and amending RCW 28A.58.103.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 28A.58.103, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 134, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.103 are each amended to read as follows:

Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Prepare, negotiate, set forth in writing and adopt, policy relative to the selection or deletion of instructional materials. Such policy shall:

(a) State the school district's goals and principles relative to instructional materials;

(b) Delegate responsibility for the preparation and recommendation of teachers' reading lists and specify the procedures to be followed in the selection of all instructional materials including text books;

(c) Establish an instructional materials committee to be appointed, with the approval of the school board, by the school district's chief administrative officer. This committee shall consist of representative members of the district's professional staff, including representation from the district's curriculum development committees, and, in the case of districts which operate elementary school(s) only, the educational service district superintendent, one of whose responsibilities shall be to assure the correlation of those elementary district adoptions with those of the high school district(s) which serve their children. The committee may include parents at the school board's discretion: PROVIDED, That parent members shall make up less than one-half of the total membership of the committee;

(d) Provide for reasonable notice to parents of the opportunity to serve on the committee and for terms of office for members of the instructional materials committee;

(e) Provide a system for receiving, considering and acting upon written complaints regarding instructional materials used by the school district;

(f) Provide free text books, supplies and other instructional materials to be loaned to the pupils of the school, when, in its judgment, the best interests of the district will be subserved thereby and prescribe rules and regulations to preserve such books, supplies and other instructional materials from unnecessary damage.

Recommendation of instructional materials shall be by the district's instructional materials committee in accordance with district policy. Approval or disapproval shall be by the local school district's board of directors.

Districts may pay the necessary travel and subsistence expenses for expert counsel from outside the district. In addition, the committee's expenses incidental to visits to observe other districts' selection procedures may be reimbursed by the school district.

Districts may, within limitations stated in board policy, use and experiment with instructional materials for a period of time before general adoption is formalized.

Within the limitations of board policy, a school district's chief administrator may purchase instructional materials to meet deviant needs or rapidly changing circumstances.

(2) Establish a depreciation scale for determining the value of texts which students wish to purchase.

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CHAPTER 372

[Substitute House Bill No. 1864]

NURSING HOMES—QUALITY OF CARE IMPROVEMENT

AN ACT Relating to quality of care in nursing homes; amending RCW 18.51.050, 74.46.410, 18.51.430, 18.51.500, 74.42.240, 74.42.380, 18.51.054, 18.51.060, 18.51.065, 18.51.410, 18.51.440, 18.51.460, 74.42.580, 74.09.120, 74.46.440, and 74.46.020; reenacting and amending RCW 74.46.360; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 6, chapter 117, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 4, chapter 284, Laws of 1985 and RCW 18.51.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt of an application for license, the department shall issue a license if the applicant and the nursing home facilities meet the requirements established under this chapter, except that the department shall issue a temporary license to a court-appointed receiver for a period not to exceed six months from the date of appointment. Prior to the issuance or renewal of the license, the licensee shall pay a license fee as established by the department. No fee shall be required of government operated institutions or court-appointed receivers. All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on a date to be set by the department, but no license issued pursuant to this chapter shall exceed thirty-six months in duration. When a change of ownership occurs, the entity becoming the licensed operating entity of the facility shall pay a fee established by the department at the time of application for the license. The previously determined date of license expiration shall not change. The department shall conduct, without charge to the nursing homes, one annual licensing and certification survey per calendar year and one postsurvey visit.

For all additional surveys required beyond the first postsurvey visit, nursing homes shall pay an inspection fee of twelve dollars per bed to the department. The inspection fee shall be due within thirty days of the completion date of the postsurvey.