

to RCW 71.05.270 for any period of time without constant accompaniment by facility staff, the superintendent, professional person in charge of a treatment facility, or his or her professional designee shall in writing notify the prosecuting attorney of any county to which the person is to be released and the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the criminal charges against the committed person were dismissed, of the decision conditionally to release the person. The notice shall be provided at least thirty days before the anticipated release and shall describe the conditions under which the release is to occur.

(b) The provisions of RCW 71.05.330(2) apply to proposed temporary releases, and either or both prosecuting attorneys receiving notice under this subsection may petition the court under RCW 71.05.330(2).

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize detention of a person unless a valid order of commitment is in effect.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 402

[House Bill No. 2118]

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHT

AN ACT Relating to the expansion of coverage from grade six to grade eight of certification for candidates for grades preschool through grade six certificates; amending RCW 28A.70.040; and creating a new section.

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

Sec. 1. Section 212, chapter 525, Laws of 1987 and RCW 28A.70.040 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The state board of education shall adopt rules providing that all individuals qualifying for an initial-level teaching certificate after August 31, 1992, shall possess a baccalaureate degree in the arts, sciences, and/or humanities and have fulfilled the requirements for teacher certification pursuant to RCW 28A.04.120 (1) and (2). However, candidates for grades preschool through ~~((six))~~ eight certificates shall have fulfilled the requirements for a major as part of their baccalaureate degree. If the major is in early childhood education, elementary education, or special education, the candidate must have at least thirty quarter hours or twenty semester hours in one academic field.

(2) The state board of education shall study the impact of eliminating the major in education under subsection (1) of this section and submit a report to the legislature by January 15, 1990. The report shall include a recommendation on whether the major in education under subsection (1) of this section should be eliminated.

(3) The initial certificate shall be valid for two years.

(4) Certificate holders may renew the certificate for a three-year period by providing proof of acceptance and enrollment in an approved masters degree program. A second renewal, for a period of two years, may be granted upon recommendation of the degree-granting institution and if the certificate holder can demonstrate substantial progress toward the completion of the masters degree and that the degree will be completed within the two-year extension period. Under no circumstances may an initial certificate be valid for a period of more than seven years.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The state board of education shall review its provisions relating to the certification of teachers, and, as necessary, develop requirements for the certification of teachers for middle level grades six, seven, and eight.

(2) The state board shall complete the review and development of new requirements, if any, no later than May 31, 1990.

(3) This section shall expire June 30, 1990.

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CHAPTER 403

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5035]

FOSTER PARENTS—LIABILITY COVERAGE

AN ACT Relating to foster-family homes; amending RCW 4.92.060 and 4.92.070; reenacting and amending RCW 4.92.150; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds and declares that foster parents are a valuable resource providing an important service to the citizens of Washington. The legislature further recognizes that the current insurance crisis has adversely affected some foster-family homes in several ways: (1) In some locales, foster parents are unable to obtain liability insurance coverage over and above homeowner's or tenant's coverage for actions filed against them by the foster child or the child's parents or legal guardian. In addition, the monthly payment made to foster-family homes is not sufficient to cover the cost of obtaining this extended coverage and there is no mechanism in place by which foster parents can recapture this cost;