

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee  
 2 Representative Drake offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 342 and 343, insert:

Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

(1) APPLICATION.—Each person seeking certification pursuant to this chapter shall submit a completed application containing the applicant's social security number to the Department of Education and remit the fee required pursuant to s. 1012.59 and rules of the State Board of Education.

(a) Beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and each year thereafter, the initial application fee and the fees for the following examinations for an initial professional certificate

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17 are eliminated: the General Knowledge Test, First-Time  
18 Registration; and the Professional Education Test, First-Time  
19 Registration. This paragraph is subject to funding appropriated  
20 in the General Appropriations Act.

21 (b) Beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and each year  
22 thereafter, one Subject Area Examination fee is waived for an  
23 initial applicant for a professional certificate. This paragraph  
24 is subject to funding appropriated in the General Appropriations  
25 Act.

26 (c) Beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and each year  
27 thereafter, the fee for renewing a professional certificate is  
28 eliminated for a certified teacher employed at a public school.  
29 This paragraph is subject to funding appropriated in the General  
30 Appropriations Act.

31 (d) Pursuant to the federal Personal Responsibility and  
32 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, each party is  
33 required to provide his or her social security number in  
34 accordance with this section. Disclosure of social security  
35 numbers obtained through this requirement is limited to the  
36 purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program of the  
37 Social Security Act for child support enforcement. Pursuant to  
38 s. 120.60, the department shall issue within 90 calendar days  
39 after the stamped receipted date of the completed application:

40 1.(a) If the applicant meets the requirements, a  
41 professional certificate covering the classification, level, and

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42 area for which the applicant is deemed qualified and a document  
43 explaining the requirements for renewal of the professional  
44 certificate;

45 ~~2.(b)~~ If the applicant meets the requirements and if  
46 requested by an employing school district or an employing  
47 private school with a professional education competence  
48 demonstration program pursuant to paragraphs (6)(f) and (8)(b),  
49 a temporary certificate covering the classification, level, and  
50 area for which the applicant is deemed qualified and an official  
51 statement of status of eligibility; or

52 ~~3.(e)~~ If an applicant does not meet the requirements for  
53 either certificate, an official statement of status of  
54 eligibility.

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56 The statement of status of eligibility must advise the applicant  
57 of any qualifications that must be completed to qualify for  
58 certification. Each statement of status of eligibility is valid  
59 for 3 years after its date of issuance, except as provided in  
60 paragraph (2)(d).

61 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 1012.59, Florida  
62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63 1012.59 Certification fees.—

64 (1) The State Board of Education, by rule, shall establish  
65 separate fees for applications, examinations, certification,  
66 certification renewal, late renewal, recordmaking, and

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67 recordkeeping, and may establish procedures for scheduling and  
68 administering an examination upon an applicant's request. Each  
69 fee shall be based on department estimates of the revenue  
70 required to implement the provisions of law with respect to  
71 certification of school personnel. The application fee shall be  
72 nonrefundable. Each examination fee shall be sufficient to cover  
73 the actual cost of developing and administering the examination.

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75 thereafter, the initial application fee and the fees for the  
76 following examinations for an initial professional certificate  
77 are eliminated: the General Knowledge Test, First-Time  
78 Registration; and the Professional Education Test, First-Time  
79 Registration. This paragraph is subject to funding appropriated  
80 in the General Appropriations Act.

81 (b) Beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and each year  
82 thereafter, one Subject Area Examination fee is waived for an  
83 initial applicant for a professional certificate. This paragraph  
84 is subject to funding appropriated in the General Appropriations  
85 Act.

86 (c) Beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and each year  
87 thereafter, the fee for renewing a professional certificate is  
88 eliminated for a certified teacher employed at a public school.  
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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Between lines 24 and 25, insert:  
amending ss. 1012.56 and 1012.59, F.S.; eliminating certain  
application, examination, and renewal fees for a professional  
teaching certificate, subject to appropriation;