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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Education (Ingoglia) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 64 - 91

and insert:

Section 3. Present paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c), a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of that section is amended, to read:

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—



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11 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

12 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
13 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
14 who fulfills one of the following:

15 1. Meets all the applicable requirements outlined in
16 subsection (2).

17 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6 through
18 12:

19 a. Meets the applicable requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-
20 (h).

21 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
22 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

23 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the
24 advanced degree.

25 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's
26 performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part on
27 student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
28 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International
29 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
30 examination.

31 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional
32 education competency examination required by state board rule.

33 3. Meets the applicable requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-
34 (h) and completes a professional learning certification program
35 approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (c) ~~(8) (b)~~
36 or an educator preparation institute approved by the department
37 pursuant to s. 1004.85. An applicant who completes one of these
38 programs and is rated highly effective as determined by his or
39 her performance evaluation under s. 1012.34 is not required to



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40 take or achieve a passing score on the professional education
41 competency examination in order to be awarded a professional
42 certificate.

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44 At least 1 year before an individual's temporary certificate is
45 set to expire, the department shall electronically notify the
46 individual of the date on which his or her certificate will
47 expire and provide a list of each method by which the
48 qualifications for a professional certificate can be completed.

49 (8) PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—

50 (b) Professional learning certification program courses:

51 1. May not distort significant historical events or include
52 curriculum or instruction that teaches identity politics,
53 violates s. 1000.05, or is based on theories that systemic
54 racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the
55 institutions of the United States and were created to maintain
56 social, political, and economic inequities.

57 2. Must afford candidates the opportunity to think
58 critically, achieve mastery of academic program content, learn
59 instructional strategies, and demonstrate competence.

60 Section 4. Present subsection (4) of section 1012.562,
61 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new
62 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

63 1012.562 Public accountability and state approval of school
64 leader preparation programs.—The Department of Education shall
65 establish a process for the approval of Level I and Level II
66 school leader preparation programs that will enable aspiring
67 school leaders to obtain their certificate in educational
68 leadership under s. 1012.56. School leader preparation programs



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69 must be competency-based, aligned to the principal leadership
70 standards adopted by the state board, and open to individuals
71 employed by public schools, including charter schools and
72 virtual schools. Level I programs lead to initial certification
73 in educational leadership for the purpose of preparing
74 individuals to serve as school administrators. Level II programs
75 build upon Level I training and lead to renewal certification as
76 a school principal.

77 (4) PROHIBITION; REQUIREMENT.—

78 (a) A school leader preparation program may not distort
79 significant historical events or include curriculum or
80 instruction that teaches identity politics, violates s. 1000.05,
81 or is based on theories that systemic racism, sexism,
82 oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of
83 the United States and were created to maintain social,
84 political, and economic inequities.

85 (b) A school leader preparation program must afford
86 candidates the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of program
87 content, including instructional leadership strategies, coaching
88 development, school safety, and continuous improvement efforts.

89 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

90 And the title is amended as follows:

91 Delete lines 3 - 10

92 and insert:

93 amending ss. 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.56, and 1012.562,
94 F.S.; prohibiting the courses and curricula of teacher
95 preparation programs, postsecondary educator
96 preparation institutes, professional learning
97 certification programs, and school leader preparation



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98 programs, respectively, from distorting certain events
99 and including certain curriculum and instruction;
100 requiring teacher preparation programs, postsecondary
101 educator preparation institutes, professional learning
102 certification programs, and school leader preparation