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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to personnel discipline in public schools; amending s. 1012.795, F.S.; authorizing the Education Practices Commission to penalize any person who knowingly obtained or knowingly attempted to obtain an educator certificate by fraudulent means; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1012.795, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to discipline.--

(1) The Education Practices Commission may suspend the educator certificate of any person as defined in s. 1012.01(2) or (3) for a period of time not to exceed 5 years, thereby denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or public school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students for that period of time, after which the holder may return to teaching as provided in subsection (4); may revoke the educator certificate of any person, thereby denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or public school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students for a period of time not to exceed 10 years, with reinstatement subject to the provisions of subsection (4); may revoke permanently the educator certificate of any person thereby denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school

1 board or public school in any capacity requiring direct
2 contact with students; may suspend the educator certificate,
3 upon order of the court, of any person found to have a
4 delinquent child support obligation; or may impose any other
5 penalty provided by law, provided it can be shown that the
6 person:

7 (a) Knowingly obtained or knowingly attempted to
8 obtain an educator certificate by fraudulent means.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10 law.

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13 SENATE SUMMARY

14 Authorizes the Education Practices Commission to penalize
15 any person who knowingly obtained or knowingly attempted
16 to obtain an educator certificate by fraudulent means.

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