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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Altman moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 9

insert:

Section 1. Section 1012.441, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1012.441 Qualifications for educational interpreters.-

(1) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule
standards for educational interpreters. An educational
interpreter is an individual who facilitates direct instruction
by professionals and directs communication between students who



12 are deaf or hard of hearing and their peers as designated in
13 each student's individual education plan or 504 accommodation
14 plan. The standards must include interpreter assessments,
15 including both written and performance assessments, offered by a
16 national organization of professional sign language interpreters
17 and transliterators.

18 (2) Beginning July 1, 2017, each school district shall:

19 (a) Notify a parent in writing if an individual assigned to
20 provide interpreter services for his or her student, in
21 accordance with the student's individual education plan or 504
22 accommodation plan, does not meet the educational interpreter
23 standards established in state board rule.

24 (b) Report to the Department of Education, for publication
25 on its website, the total number of individuals providing
26 interpreter services in the district and the total number of
27 such individuals who meet the educational interpreter standards
28 established in state board rule.

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

31 And the title is amended as follows:

32 Delete line 2

33 and insert:

34 An act relating to qualifications for educational
35 personnel; creating s. 1012.441, F.S.; requiring the
36 State Board of Education to adopt standards for
37 educational interpreters; requiring school districts
38 to notify parents if an individual assigned to provide
39 interpreter services for their student does not meet
40 such standards; requiring school districts to report



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41 to the Department of Education, for publication on its
42 website, certain information regarding individuals
43 providing interpreter services; amending s.