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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.