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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Burgess) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 17 - 133

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (d) and (e) are added to that subsection, to read

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

(7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

(b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to any applicant who:



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12           1. Completes the requirements outlined in paragraphs  
13 (2)(a)-(f) and completes the subject area content requirements  
14 specified in state board rule or demonstrates mastery of subject  
15 area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and holds an  
16 accredited degree or a degree approved by the Department of  
17 Education at the level required for the subject area  
18 specialization in state board rule; or

19           2. For a subject area specialization for which the state  
20 board otherwise requires a bachelor's degree, documents 48  
21 months of active-duty military service with an honorable  
22 discharge or a medical separation; completes the requirements  
23 outlined in paragraphs (2)(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f); completes  
24 the subject area content requirements specified in state board  
25 rule or demonstrates mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant  
26 to subsection (5); and documents completion of 60 college  
27 credits with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on  
28 a 4.0 scale, as provided by one or more accredited institutions  
29 of higher learning or a nonaccredited institution of higher  
30 learning identified by the Department of Education as having a  
31 quality program resulting in a bachelor's degree or higher.

32           (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year  
33 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional  
34 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's  
35 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for  
36 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language  
37 impairment.

38           (d) A person who is issued a temporary certificate under  
39 subparagraph (b)2. must be assigned a teacher mentor for a  
40 minimum of 2 school years commencing employment. Each teacher



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41 mentor selected by the school district, charter school, or  
42 charter management organization must:

43 1. Hold a valid professional certificate issued pursuant to  
44 s. 1012.56;

45 2. Have earned at least 3 years of teaching experience in  
46 prekindergarten through grade 12; and

47 3. Have earned an effective or highly effective rating on  
48 the prior year's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34.

49 (e)1. A ~~each~~ temporary certificate issued under  
50 subparagraph (b)1. is valid for 3 school fiscal years and is  
51 nonrenewable.

52 2. A temporary certificate issued under subparagraph (b)2.  
53 is valid for 5 school fiscal years, is limited to a one-time  
54 issuance, and is nonrenewable.

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56 At least 1 year before an individual's temporary certificate is  
57 set to expire, the department shall electronically notify the  
58 individual of the date on which his or her certificate will  
59 expire and provide a list of each method by which the  
60 qualifications for a professional certificate can be completed.  
61 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to allow the  
62 department to extend the validity period of a temporary  
63 certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the  
64 professional certificate were not completed due to the serious  
65 illness or injury of the applicant, the military service of an  
66 applicant's spouse, other extraordinary extenuating  
67 circumstances, or if the certificateholder is rated highly  
68 effective in the immediate prior year's performance evaluation  
69 pursuant to s. 1012.34 or has completed a 2-year mentorship



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70 program pursuant to s. 1012.56(8). The department shall extend  
71 the temporary certificate upon approval by the Commissioner of  
72 Education. A written request for extension of the certificate  
73 shall be submitted by the district school superintendent, the  
74 governing authority of a university lab school, the governing  
75 authority of a state-supported school, or the governing  
76 authority of a private school.  
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78 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

79 And the title is amended as follows:

80 Delete lines 3 - 11

81 and insert:

82 veterans; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; authorizing the  
83 Department of Education to issue a temporary  
84 certificate to specified military servicemembers who  
85 meet certain criteria; requiring a teacher mentorship  
86 for specified military servicemembers who hold a  
87 temporary certificate; specifying the duration and  
88 issuance of a temporary certificate for specified  
89 military servicemembers; amending s..