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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Calatayud moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (416612) (with title amendment)

Delete lines 276 - 372
and insert:

Section 7. Paragraph (d) and present paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida, are amended, and a new paragraph (e) and paragraph (f) are added to that subsection, to read:

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—



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(7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

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

1. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f).

2. Completes the subject area content requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates mastery of subject area knowledge as provided in subsection (5).

(e) A person who is issued a temporary certificate under paragraph (b) must be assigned a teacher mentor for a minimum of 2 school years after commencing employment. Each teacher mentor selected by the school district, charter school, or charter management organization must:

1. Hold a valid professional certificate issued pursuant to this section;

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

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

(f)1.(e) A temporary certificate issued under paragraph (b) is valid for 5 school fiscal years and is nonrenewable.

2. A temporary apprenticeship certificate issued under paragraph (d) is valid for 5 school years, may be issued only once, and is nonrenewable.

At least 1 year before an individual's temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by which the



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qualifications for a professional certificate can be completed.
The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to allow the
department to extend the validity period of a temporary
certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the
professional certificate were not completed due to the serious
illness or injury of the applicant, the military service of an
applicant's spouse, other extraordinary extenuating
circumstances, or if the certificateholder is rated highly
effective in the immediate prior year's performance evaluation
pursuant to s. 1012.34 or has completed a 2-year mentorship
program pursuant to subsection (8). The department shall extend
the temporary certificate upon approval by the Commissioner of
Education. A written request for extension of the certificate
shall be submitted by the district school superintendent, the
governing authority of a university lab school, the governing
authority of a state-supported school, or the governing
authority of a private school.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 604 - 608

and insert:

amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; revising the validity
period for certain temporary certificates; amending s.
1012.59, F.S.; waiving