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 27 | maintain social, political, and economic inequities.

28 | 2. Must afford candidates the opportunity to think  
 29 | critically, achieve mastery of academic program content, learn  
 30 | instructional strategies, and demonstrate competence.

31 | Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
 32 | 1004.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

33 | 1004.85 Postsecondary educator preparation institutes.—

34 | (2)(a) Postsecondary institutions that are accredited or  
 35 | approved as described in State Board of Education rule may seek  
 36 | approval from the Department of Education to create educator  
 37 | preparation institutes for the purpose of providing any or all  
 38 | of the following:

39 | 1. Professional learning instruction to assist teachers in  
 40 | improving classroom instruction and in meeting certification or  
 41 | recertification requirements.

42 | 2. Instruction to assist potential and existing substitute  
 43 | teachers in performing their duties.

44 | 3. Instruction to assist paraprofessionals in meeting  
 45 | education and training requirements.

46 | 4. Instruction for baccalaureate degree holders to become  
 47 | certified teachers as provided in this section in order to  
 48 | increase routes to the classroom for professionals who hold a  
 49 | baccalaureate degree and college graduates who were not  
 50 | education majors.

51           5. Instruction and professional learning for part-time and  
 52 full-time nondegreed teachers of career programs under s.  
 53 1012.39(1)(c).

54           6.a. Instruction that does not distort significant  
 55 historical events or include a curriculum or instruction that  
 56 teaches identity politics, violates s. 1000.05, or is based on  
 57 theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege  
 58 are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were  
 59 created to maintain social, political, and economic inequities.

60           b. Courses and instruction within the educator preparation  
 61 institute must afford candidates the opportunity to think  
 62 critically, achieve mastery of academic program content, learn  
 63 instructional strategies, and demonstrate competence.

64           Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1012.562, Florida  
 65 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new subsection  
 66 (3) is added to that section, to read:

67           1012.562 Public accountability and state approval of  
 68 school leader preparation programs.—The Department of Education  
 69 shall establish a process for the approval of Level I and Level  
 70 II school leader preparation programs that will enable aspiring  
 71 school leaders to obtain their certificate in educational  
 72 leadership under s. 1012.56. School leader preparation programs  
 73 must be competency-based, aligned to the principal leadership  
 74 standards adopted by the state board, and open to individuals  
 75 employed by public schools, including charter schools and

76 virtual schools. Level I programs lead to initial certification  
77 in educational leadership for the purpose of preparing  
78 individuals to serve as school administrators. Level II programs  
79 build upon Level I training and lead to renewal certification as  
80 a school principal.

81 (3)(a) School leader preparation programs may not distort  
82 significant historical events or include curriculum or  
83 instruction that teaches identity politics, violates s. 1000.05,  
84 or is based on theories that systemic racism, sexism,  
85 oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of  
86 the United States and were created to maintain social,  
87 political, and economic inequities.

88 (b) School leader preparation programs must afford  
89 candidates the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of program  
90 content, including instructional leadership strategies, coaching  
91 development, school safety, and continuous improvement efforts.

92 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.