

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to oaths of classroom teachers;
 3 creating s. 1012.591, F.S.; requiring persons employed
 4 as classroom teachers to take a specified oath before
 5 entering upon the duties of a classroom teacher;
 6 providing requirements for such oath; providing an
 7 effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 **Section 1. Section 1012.591, Florida Statutes, is created**
 12 **to read:**

13 1012.591 Oath of classroom teachers.—Before entering upon
 14 the duties of a classroom teacher, as defined in s.
 15 1012.01(2) (a), each person employed as a classroom teacher shall
 16 subscribe to the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or
 17 affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the
 18 Constitution and Government of the United States and the
 19 Constitution and Government of the State of Florida; that I am
 20 duly qualified for employment as a classroom teacher in this
 21 state; that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of a
 22 classroom teacher in a professional, independent, objective, and
 23 nonpartisan manner; that I will uphold the highest standards of
 24 academic integrity and professional ethics; that I will foster a
 25 respectful learning environment for all students, which promotes

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26 | critical thinking, civic responsibility, and lifelong learning;
27 | and that I will serve as a positive role model in both conduct
28 | and character, so help me God."

29 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.