



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/11/2026	.	
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Jones) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3                   Delete everything after the enacting clause  
4 and insert:

5                   Section 1. Section 1012.988, Florida Statutes, is created  
6 to read:

7                   1012.988 School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program.—  
8                   (1) The School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program is  
9 established within the Department of Education. The purpose of  
10 the program is to increase the effectiveness and involvement of



11 classroom teachers and improve student achievement, classroom  
12 management, and excellence in the state's public schools.

13 (2) (a) School districts and charter schools may place  
14 retired classroom teachers or current classroom teachers in  
15 schools earning a grade of "D" or "F" to act as teacher mentors  
16 to:

17 1. New classroom teachers;  
18 2. Classroom teachers who are rated as needs improvement,  
19 developing, or unsatisfactory on the prior year's performance  
20 evaluation under s. 1012.34; or

21 3. Classroom teachers identified by the school  
22 administrator as struggling with behavior management within the  
23 classroom.

24 (b) Each teacher mentor selected by the school district,  
25 charter school, or charter management organization must have:

26 1. At least 3 years of teaching experience in  
27 prekindergarten through grade 12.

28 2. Earned a highly effective rating on his or her most  
29 recent performance evaluation under s. 1012.34.

30 (c) Each teacher mentor may receive a stipend of up to  
31 \$3,000. The teacher mentor may work with multiple classroom  
32 teachers.

33 (3) The Department of Education shall establish program  
34 standards and a standard contract template for the teacher  
35 mentor and mentee which outlines the responsibilities of each  
36 person and establishes the framework and goals of the program.

37 (4) Each teacher mentor must:

38 (a) Not have an official management relationship with his  
39 or her mentee.



40        (b) Provide direction, advice, and a neutral sounding board  
41 to his or her mentee.

42        (c) Maintain confidentiality, unless prohibited by law.

43        (d) Not have a personal agenda other than assisting his or  
44 her mentee in developing and reaching the mentee's goals.

45        (e) Help his or her mentee in developing skills and  
46 expertise, including drawing upon the teacher mentor's own  
47 personal experiences.

48        (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
49 administer this section.

50        Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
51 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

52        1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
53 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
54 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
55 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
56 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
57 follows:

58        (7) EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT ALLOCATION.—

59        (a) The educational enrichment allocation is created to  
60 assist school districts in providing educational enrichment  
61 activities and services that support and increase the academic  
62 achievement of students in grades kindergarten through 12.  
63 Educational enrichment activities and services may be provided  
64 in a manner and at any time during or beyond the regular 180-day  
65 term identified by the school district as being the most  
66 effective and efficient way to best help the student progress  
67 from grade to grade and graduate from high school. Funds from  
68 the educational enrichment allocation may be used for the School



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69 Teacher Training and Mentoring Program under s. 1012.988. For  
70 fiscal year 2023-2024, the educational enrichment allocation  
71 shall consist of a base amount as specified in the General  
72 Appropriations Act. Beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025, the  
73 educational enrichment allocation shall consist of the base  
74 amount that includes a workload adjustment based on changes in  
75 the unweighted full-time equivalent membership. Beginning in  
76 fiscal year 2025-2026, and each year thereafter, the statewide  
77 average base amount as specified in the General Appropriations  
78 Act shall be used for any new educational entity funded in the  
79 Florida Education Finance Program.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

82 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====  
83 And the title is amended as follows:

84                   Delete everything before the enacting clause  
85 and insert:



98       mentor responsibilities; authorizing the State Board  
99       of Education to adopt rules; amending s. 1011.62,  
100      F.S.; authorizing specified funds to be used for the  
101      School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program;  
102      providing an effective date.