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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to education; amending s.
 3 231.0861, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
 4 selection of principals and assistant
 5 principals; providing for the appointment of
 6 persons from the private sector or the
 7 noneducational governmental sector; providing
 8 requirements for eligibility; providing
 9 requirements for appointment; amending s.
 10 231.087, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
 11 educational management; requiring preservice
 12 and inservice programs for educational
 13 managers; providing an effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17 Section 1. Section 231.0861, Florida Statutes, is
 18 amended to read:

19 231.0861 Principals and assistant principals;
 20 selection.--

21 (1) The Legislature recognizes that the principal is
 22 the administrative and instructional leader of a public
 23 school. The Legislature further recognizes that strong,
 24 competent principals can improve our public schools. For this
 25 reason, it is imperative that public school principals be
 26 selected from those candidates who are deemed to possess ~~have~~
 27 ~~been evaluated and certified as possessing~~ the competencies
 28 ~~deemed~~ necessary for success in the field. Candidates who are
 29 professional educators or candidates qualified pursuant to
 30 subsection (3) who are from the private sector or the
 31 noneducational governmental sector may be selected.

1 (2) ~~By July 1, 1986,~~Each district school board may
2 ~~shall~~ adopt and implement an objective-based process for the
3 recruitment, screening, selection, and appointment of
4 professional educators as assistant principals and principals
5 in the public schools of this state which meets the criteria
6 approved by the Florida Council on Educational Management.
7 Each school district may contract with other local school
8 districts, agencies, associations, or universities to conduct
9 the assessments, evaluations, and training programs required
10 under this section.

11 (3) A person from the private sector or the
12 noneducational governmental sector shall be eligible for
13 appointment as a principal or an assistant principal if he or
14 she meets the following minimum qualifications:

15 (a) Has a bachelor's degree from an accredited college
16 or university.

17 (b) Has 5 years of administrative, policy analysis or
18 development, or planning and evaluation experience, 2 years of
19 which experience must have been in an administrative or
20 supervisory capacity.

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22 A master's degree from an accredited college or university may
23 be substituted for 1 year of the experience required in
24 paragraph (b). A doctoral degree from an accredited college or
25 university may be substituted for 2 years of the experience
26 required in paragraph (b).

27 (4) If a person's initial appointment under subsection
28 (3) is as a principal, there must be employed at the same
29 school at least one assistant principal who received his or
30 her appointment under subsection (2).

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1 ~~(5)(a)(3)~~ Candidates for the position of assistant
2 principal or principal in the public schools of this state
3 under subsection (2) must have satisfactorily met the written
4 examination and performance requirements adopted by the State
5 Board of Education for certification. Effective July 1, 1993,
6 candidates for the position of principal or assistant
7 principal in public secondary schools under subsection (2)
8 must also demonstrate knowledge of the role of career
9 education in secondary schools. Such State Board of Education
10 rules must include provisions for those persons who became
11 certified prior to June 24, 1984. Such State Board of
12 Education rules shall also include provisions for
13 superintendents, assistant superintendents, and area
14 superintendents with certification rights equal to those of
15 principals.

16 (b) A person appointed as an assistant principal or
17 principal under subsection (3) is required to serve 1 year as
18 an intern or as an interim assistant principal or principal
19 while completing the required inservice program of
20 competency-based certification identified under s. 231.087(1).

21 ~~(6)(4)~~ An out-of-state certified and experienced
22 assistant principal or principal employed in the public
23 schools of this state under subsection (2) is required to
24 serve 1 year as an intern or interim assistant principal or
25 principal while the required performance assessment of basic
26 and high performing competencies is completed.

27 ~~(7)(5)~~ The Department of Education shall maintain and
28 make available to a district, upon request, a list of
29 certified candidates eligible for appointment under subsection
30 (2) for the position of assistant principal or principal at no
31 charge to the district.

1 Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (g) of
2 subsection (3) of section 231.087, Florida Statutes, are
3 amended to read:

4 231.087 Management Training Act; Florida Council on
5 Educational Management; Florida Academy for School Leaders;
6 Center for Interdisciplinary Advanced Graduate Study.--

7 (1) INTENT.--The Legislature recognizes that quality
8 education in the public schools of this state requires
9 excellence in its principals and other managers. Efficient and
10 effective management of schools to meet the needs of students
11 in today's society requires a unique blend of skills and,
12 ~~experience, and academic background which is rarely provided~~
13 ~~through typical baccalaureate or graduate programs in~~
14 ~~education.~~ The purpose of this section is to provide for a
15 state, regional, and district support system for excellence in
16 principals and other educational managers. This support
17 system shall include the identification of those competencies
18 basic to effective management of schools; a performance-based
19 management training program; ~~a program of competency-based~~
20 ~~certification for school managers, to become effective July 1,~~
21 ~~1986~~ a performance-based evaluation and compensation program
22 for educational managers; ~~and~~ a research and service center
23 for principals and other educational managers; a preservice
24 program of competency-based certification for school managers
25 which shall be required for those persons seeking appointment
26 under s. 231.0861(2); and an inservice program of
27 competency-based certification which shall be required during
28 the initial year of employment for those persons appointed as
29 school administrators under s. 231.0861(3). It is further
30 intended that this section encourage career development,
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1 inservice training, and skills enhancement for present and
2 potential education managers.

3 (3) DUTIES OF COUNCIL.--The council shall have the
4 following duties:

5 (g) To identify criteria for the screening, selection,
6 and appointment of school managers consistent with s.
7 231.0861.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
9 year in which enacted.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

With respect to principals and assistant principals,
provides for the appointment of persons from the private
sector or the noneducational governmental sector.
Provides eligibility and appointment requirements.
Revises provisions relating to effective educational
management.