

By Senator Holzendorf

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary education;
3 amending s. 240.529, F.S.; providing that,
4 beginning in the 1999-2000 academic year, State
5 University System initial teacher preparation
6 programs shall include an optional teacher
7 internship in a socially and economically
8 disadvantaged area; providing that, beginning
9 in the 2000-2001 academic year, State
10 University System initial teacher preparation
11 programs, in partnership with public school
12 districts, shall establish teaching residency
13 programs in disadvantaged areas; providing for
14 annual stipends for each teacher who has
15 completed such a residency program; providing
16 an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (5) of
21 section 240.529, Florida Statutes, present subsections (6)
22 through (10) are renumbered as subsections (7) through (11),
23 respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that
24 section, to read:

25 240.529 Public accountability and state approval for
26 teacher preparation programs.--

27 (5) PRESERVICE FIELD EXPERIENCE--Beginning July 1,
28 1995, all postsecondary instructors, school district teachers,
29 and school sites preparing teachers through preservice field
30 experience courses and internships shall meet special
31 requirements.

1 (d) Beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year, State
2 University System initial teacher preparation programs shall
3 provide all students with the option of a multi-semester
4 internship in schools located in socially and economically
5 disadvantaged urban or rural areas. The experiences must
6 provide interns with classroom experience at the beginning,
7 middle, and end of an academic year. The internship must be
8 designed to provide the intern with the necessary supervision
9 and teaching methodology to become an effective teacher of
10 students who live in a disadvantaged area.

11 (6) URBAN AND RURAL TEACHING RESIDENCY
12 PROGRAM.--Beginning with the 2000-2001 academic year and
13 contingent upon legislative funding, teacher preparation
14 programs at State University System institutions shall
15 establish teaching residencies in partnership with public
16 school districts. Each university, in conjunction with its
17 partners, shall recruit and employ no more than 20 teaching
18 residents per year. The total number of teaching residencies
19 in the state is not to exceed 200 in any given year at the
20 rate of 20 per university. Persons eligible to be hired as
21 teaching residents must have completed teaching internships as
22 specified in paragraph (5)(d). To be eligible to be hired as a
23 teaching resident, a person must have received his or her
24 initial license no more than 2 years before applying for a
25 residency and must have less than 5 months of full-time
26 equivalency teaching experience as a licensed teacher. The
27 residency program must include:

28 (a) A guarantee from participating universities that
29 those who complete initial teacher preparation programs have
30 the knowledge and experience necessary to succeed in
31 residencies in urban or rural settings and that they are

1 prepared to teach in compliance with the Sunshine State
2 Standards and demonstrate skills at the beginning level of the
3 Florida Accomplished Teaching Practices;

4 (b) A mentoring team consisting of no fewer than one
5 university faculty member and one school district clinical
6 educator for each participating school to provide supervision
7 of the teaching residents;

8 (c) One full-time-equivalent experienced classroom
9 teacher assigned for each cluster of four teaching residents
10 in order to provide alternative assignments for the resident
11 teachers;

12 (d) Residencies lasting for a full academic year; and

13 (e) Teaching assignments for resident teachers of no
14 more than 80 percent of the instructional time required of a
15 full-time-equivalent teacher in the district. During the
16 remaining time, a teaching resident shall participate in
17 professional development activities as identified in
18 conjunction with the school's mentoring team.

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20 The resident teacher will be a member of the local bargaining
21 unit and shall be covered under the terms of the contract.

22 Upon successful completion of the teaching residency, each
23 individual who teaches in an urban or rural school in this
24 state will receive a supplemental stipend from the state of
25 \$3,000 in each year he or she teaches for the duration of
26 legislative funding for the residency program.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that, beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year, continued approval for a teacher preparation program is contingent upon a postsecondary educational institution's providing students with the option of a multi-semester internship, carrying 12 hours of credit toward a bachelor's degree, which is designed to help them effectively teach disadvantaged students. Provides that, beginning with the 2000-2001 academic year, State University System initial teacher preparation programs, in partnership with public school districts, shall establish teaching residency programs in disadvantaged areas. Provides that a student who successfully completes such a residency and teaches in a disadvantaged area will receive a \$3,000 stipend in each year in which the legislative funding for the residency program continues.