

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; amending s.  
16          18, ch. 97-384, Laws of Florida; providing for  
17          distribution of the Florida Teachers Lead  
18          Program funds; providing an effective date.

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

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

27           240.529 Public accountability and state approval for  
28           teacher preparation programs.--

29           (5) PRESERVICE FIELD EXPERIENCE.--Beginning July 1,  
30           1995, all postsecondary instructors, school district teachers,  
31           and school sites preparing teachers through preservice field

1 experience courses and internships shall meet special  
2 requirements.

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

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

30 (a) A guarantee from participating universities that  
31 those who complete initial teacher preparation programs have

1 the knowledge and experience necessary to succeed in  
2 residencies in urban or rural settings and that they are  
3 prepared to teach in compliance with the Sunshine State  
4 Standards and demonstrate skills at the beginning level of the  
5 Florida Accomplished Teaching Practices;

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

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

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

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

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22 The resident teacher will be a member of the local bargaining  
23 unit and shall be covered under the terms of the contract.  
24 Upon successful completion of the teaching residency, each  
25 individual who teaches in a school located in a socially and  
26 economically disadvantaged urban or rural area in this state,  
27 and as funded by the Legislature in the Division of Human  
28 Resources within the Department of Education, will receive a  
29 supplemental stipend from the state of \$3,000 in each year he  
30 or she teaches for the duration of legislative funding for the  
31 residency program.

1           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 18 of chapter  
2 97-384, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

3           Section 18. The Florida Teachers Lead Program  
4 established.--

5           (2) Notwithstanding any other law or any State Board  
6 of Education rule to the contrary, each school district shall  
7 distribute the Florida Teachers Lead Program funds to each  
8 classroom teacher to be expended at the discretion of that  
9 teacher to assist teaching and learning in the classroom.~~The~~  
10 ~~Florida Teachers Lead Program funds shall be deposited into~~  
11 ~~each school's internal account and made available to be~~  
12 ~~expended at the discretion of each classroom teacher to assist~~  
13 ~~teaching and learning in the classroom. Each teacher's~~  
14 ~~allocation shall remain available for the teacher's use until~~  
15 ~~the full amount is expended.~~

16           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.