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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to teacher certification;  
amending s. 231.17, F.S.; providing for the  
certification of applicants who hold a  
bachelor's degree in speech-language  
impairment; requiring the adoption of rules;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section  
231.17, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

231.17 Official statements of eligibility and  
certificates granted on application to those meeting  
prescribed requirements.--

(6) EXCEPTIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES.--

(b) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year  
temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional  
certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's  
degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for  
completion of a master's degree program in speech-language  
impairment. In order to appropriately utilize the services of  
qualified applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in the area  
of speech-language impairment and who are not enrolled in a  
master's degree program in speech-language impairment, such  
applicants shall be certified and authorized to provide  
appropriate services under the direction of a speech-language  
pathologist, according to rules adopted by the State Board of  
Education. By August 1, 1999, the state board shall adopt  
rules for certification in the area of speech-language  
impairment at the bachelor's level.

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The department shall reissue a temporary certificate upon the written request of the district school superintendent, the governing authority of a developmental research school, or the governing authority of a state-supported school or nonpublic school.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Provides for the certification of applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in speech-language impairment. Requires the adoption of rules.