HOUSE AMENDMENT Bill No. CS/HB 751 & others 690-100AXA-38 Amendment No. 22 (for drafter's use only) CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW 6 7 8 9 10 Representative(s) Lynn and Feeney offered the following: 11 12 13 Amendment (with title amendment) On page 107, between lines 24 & 25, 14 15 16 insert: 17 Section 43. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph (c) of subsection (4), and paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of 18 19 section 231.36, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 20 231.36 Contracts with instructional staff, supervisors, and principals .--21 22 (1)(a) Each person employed as a member of the instructional staff in any district school system shall be 23 24 properly certificated pursuant to s. 231.17 or employed 25 pursuant to s. 231.1725 and shall be entitled to and shall 26 receive a written contract as specified in chapter 230. All such contracts, except continuing contracts as specified in 27 28 subsection (4), shall contain provisions for dismissal during 29 the term of the contract only for just cause, as defined by 30 rule of the State Board of Education. Just cause shall include 31 includes, but is not limited to, misconduct in office, 1

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incompetency, gross insubordination, willful neglect of duty,
or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

4 (c) Any member of the district administrative or 5 supervisory staff and any member of the instructional staff, 6 including any principal, who is under continuing contract may 7 be suspended or dismissed at any time during the school year for just cause, as defined by rule of the State Board of 8 9 Education; however, the charges against him or her must be 10 based on immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, gross 11 insubordination, willful neglect of duty, drunkenness, or 12 conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude. Whenever 13 such charges are made against any such employee of the school 14 board, the school board may suspend such person without pay; 15 but, if the charges are not sustained, he or she shall be immediately reinstated, and his or her back salary shall be 16 17 paid. In cases of suspension by the school board or by the superintendent, the school board shall determine upon the 18 evidence submitted whether the charges have been sustained 19 and, if the charges are sustained, shall determine either to 20 21 dismiss the employee or fix the terms under which he or she 22 may be reinstated. If such charges are sustained by a majority vote of the full membership of the school board and 23 24 such employee is discharged, his or her contract of employment shall be thereby canceled. Any such decision adverse to the 25 employee may be appealed by the employee pursuant to s. 26 27 120.68, provided such appeal is filed within 30 days after the 28 decision of the school board. (6) 29

30 (b) Any member of the district administrative or31 supervisory staff, including any principal but excluding an

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employee specified in subsection (4), may be suspended or 1 2 dismissed at any time during the term of the contract for just 3 cause, as defined by rule of the State Board of Education; 4 however, the charges against him or her must be based on 5 immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, gross insubordination, willful neglect of duty, drunkenness, or б 7 conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude. Whenever such charges are made against any such employee of the school 8 board, the school board may suspend the employee without pay; 9 10 but, if the charges are not sustained, he or she shall be immediately reinstated, and his or her back salary shall be 11 12 paid. In cases of suspension by the school board or by the 13 superintendent, the school board shall determine upon the evidence submitted whether the charges have been sustained 14 15 and, if the charges are sustained, shall determine either to 16 dismiss the employee or fix the terms under which he or she 17 may be reinstated. If such charges are sustained by a majority vote of the full membership of the school board and 18 such employee is discharged, his or her contract of employment 19 20 shall be thereby canceled. Any such decision adverse to the employee may be appealed by him or her pursuant to s. 120.68, 21 provided such appeal is filed within 30 days after the 22 decision of the school board. 23 24 25 26 27 And the title is amended as follows: On page 7, line 25, before "amending" 28 29 30 insert: 31 amending s. 231.36, F.S.; providing for the 3 File original & 9 copies hbd0002 03/23/99 01:28 pm 00751-0027-682703

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2	conduct constituting just cause for dismissal
3	of instructional staff, supervisors, and
4	principals during the term of their contracts;
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