

By Representative Crady

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

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section  
12   231.17, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

13           231.17 Official statements of eligibility and  
14   certificates granted on application to those meeting  
15   prescribed requirements.--

16           (6) EXCEPTIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES.--

17           (b) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year  
18   temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional  
19   certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's  
20   degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for  
21   completion of a master's degree program in speech-language  
22   impairment. In order to appropriately utilize the services of  
23   qualified applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in the area  
24   of speech-language impairment and who are not enrolled in a  
25   master's degree program in speech-language impairment, such  
26   applicants shall be certified and authorized to provide  
27   appropriate services under the direction of a speech-language  
28   pathologist, according to rules adopted by the State Board of  
29   Education. By August 1, 1999, the state board shall adopt  
30   rules for certification in the area of speech-language  
31   impairments 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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HOUSE SUMMARY

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