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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to teacher certification;
3	amending s. 231.17, F.S.; requiring a
4	content-area major for professional
5	certification; providing an effective date.
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7	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9	Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
10	231.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
11	231.17 Official statements of eligibility and
12	certificates granted on application to those meeting
13	prescribed requirements.--
14	(4) PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.--The department shall
15	issue a professional certificate for a period not to exceed 5
16	years to any applicant who meets the requirements for a
17	temporary certificate and documents mastery of the minimum
18	competencies required by subsection (5). Mastery of the
19	minimum competencies must be documented on a comprehensive
20	written examination or through other criteria as specified by
21	rules of the state board. Mastery of minimum competencies
22	required under subsection (5) must be demonstrated in the
23	following areas:
24	(c) The subject matter in each area for which
25	certification is sought. Beginning with applicants who submit
26	their applications after June 30, 2004, for every teacher who
27	has primary classroom responsibilities, including every
28	teacher of elementary education, mastery of subject-area
29	competency requires completion of a baccalaureate degree with
30	a major in subject-area content other than, or in addition to,
31	education or pedagogy.

1   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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4   SENATE SUMMARY

5   Provides that a person who, after June 30, 2004, submits
     an application for certification as a teacher must have
6   completed a baccalaureate degree with a major in
     subject-area content, not just in education or pedagogy.
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