

By Representative Putnam

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to teacher certification;
3 amending s. 231.17, F.S.; requiring an
4 applicant for a professional teaching
5 certificate to demonstrate mastery of
6 instruction of ESOL students; providing an
7 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 (c) of subsection (4) of section
12 231.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

16 (4) PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.--The department shall
17 issue a professional certificate for a period not to exceed 5
18 years to any applicant who meets the requirements for a
19 temporary certificate and documents mastery of the minimum
20 competencies required by subsection (5). Mastery of the
21 minimum competencies must be documented on a comprehensive
22 written examination or through other criteria as specified by
23 rules of the state board. Mastery of minimum competencies
24 required under subsection (5) must be demonstrated in the
25 following areas:

26 (c) The subject matter in each area for which
27 certification is sought and the instruction of ESOL students.

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires applicants for professional teaching
certificates to demonstrate mastery of instruction of
ESOL students.