

By Senator Sullivan

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education; amending s.  
3           236.08106, F.S.; requiring a school district  
4           with a school in grade category "F" to permit  
5           relocation of teachers with certain  
6           qualifications; authorizing the State Board of  
7           Education to identify additional qualifications  
8           of demonstrated mastery for teachers; providing  
9           for bonuses for certain teachers; authorizing  
10          the commissioner to adopt rules; providing an  
11          effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section  
16 236.08106, Florida Statutes, to read:

17           236.08106 Excellent Teaching Program.--

18           (5)(a) Each school district that contains a school in  
19 grade category "F" shall develop a plan to encourage teachers  
20 with demonstrated mastery in improving student performance to  
21 remain at or transfer to that school. If a teacher whose  
22 mastery has been formally recognized by the designation of  
23 Teacher of the Year at the district or state level, or who is  
24 certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching  
25 Standards, requests assignment to a school with grade category  
26 "F," the school board and the principal shall make every  
27 practical effort to grant the request.

28           (b) Effective July 1, 2000, a teacher who has attained  
29 NBPTS certification or who has been designated district or  
30 state Teacher of the Year is eligible for a bonus if he or she  
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1 is assigned to teach at a failing school. This bonus in  
2 addition to any bonus received because of NBPTS certification.

3 (c) The State Board of Education may specify  
4 additional criteria for identifying teachers who are  
5 ineligible under paragraph (b) but who otherwise demonstrate  
6 mastery. Effective July 1, 2001, a teacher identified under  
7 this paragraph is eligible for a bonus if he or she transfers  
8 to a failing school or is teaching at such a school at the  
9 time mastery is determined. The Commissioner of Education  
10 shall adopt rules prescribing the measures used to determine  
11 the teaching mastery necessary to become eligible for a bonus  
12 under this paragraph.

13 (d) A teacher identified under this subsection and  
14 assigned to a failing school is eligible for an annual bonus  
15 for a maximum of 5 years at that school. If the teacher then  
16 transfers to another failing school, he or she may earn a  
17 bonus for an additional 5 years.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
19 law.

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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Provides for school districts to permit schools in grade  
24 category "F" to relocate certain teachers. Authorizes the  
25 State Board of Education to identify additional  
26 qualifications of demonstrated mastery for teachers.  
27 Provides for bonuses for certain teachers and provides  
28 for the adoption of rules.  
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