

By Representative Lynn

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to instructional personnel;  
 3           amending s. 230.23, F.S.; requiring each school  
 4           district with a school designated as  
 5           performance grade category "F" to permit  
 6           transfer of teachers with certain  
 7           qualifications; providing bonuses for certain  
 8           teachers; requiring the Commissioner of  
 9           Education to adopt rules; providing an  
 10          effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (16) of section  
 15 230.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16           230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school  
 17 board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and  
 18 perform all duties listed below:

19           (16) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND  
 20 ACCOUNTABILITY.--Maintain a system of school improvement and  
 21 education accountability as provided by statute and State  
 22 Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and  
 23 education accountability shall be consistent with, and  
 24 implemented through, the district's continuing system of  
 25 planning and budgeting required by this section and ss.  
 26 229.555 and 237.041. This system of school improvement and  
 27 education accountability shall include, but is not limited to,  
 28 the following:

29           (c) Assistance and intervention.--Develop a 2-year  
 30 plan of increasing individualized assistance and intervention  
 31 for each school in danger of not meeting state standards or

1 making adequate progress, as defined pursuant to statute and  
2 State Board of Education rule, toward meeting the goals and  
3 standards of its approved school improvement plan. A school  
4 that is identified as being in performance grade category "D"  
5 pursuant to s. 229.57 is in danger of failing and must be  
6 provided assistance and intervention. Each school district in  
7 which there is a school designated as performance grade  
8 category "F" shall develop a plan to encourage teachers with  
9 demonstrated mastery in improving student performance to  
10 remain at or transfer to that school. If a teacher whose  
11 mastery has been formally recognized by the designation of  
12 Teacher of the Year at the district or state level, or who is  
13 certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching  
14 Standards, requests assignment to a school with grade category  
15 "F," the school board and the principal shall make every  
16 practical effort to grant the request. Effective July 1, 2001,  
17 a teacher who has attained NBPTS certification or who has been  
18 designated district or state Teacher of the Year and whose  
19 effectiveness has been proven based upon positive learning  
20 gains of his or her students as measured by annual FCAT  
21 assessments pursuant to s. 229.57, is eligible for an annual  
22 bonus of up to \$1,000, as provided for annually in the General  
23 Appropriations Act, each year he or she teaches at a school  
24 designated as performance grade category "F." Such bonus shall  
25 be in addition to any bonus received because of NBPTS  
26 certification. The Commissioner of Education shall adopt rules  
27 to determine the measures that define "teaching mastery" for  
28 purposes of this paragraph.~~District school boards are~~  
29 ~~encouraged to prioritize the expenditures of funds received~~  
30 ~~from specific appropriation 110A of the General Appropriations~~  
31 ~~Act of fiscal year 1999-2000 to improve student performance in~~

1 ~~schools that receive a performance grade category designation~~  
2 ~~of "D" or "F."~~

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

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6 HOUSE SUMMARY

7 Requires each school district with a school designated as  
8 performance grade category "F" to permit the transfer of  
9 teachers with certain qualifications. Provides bonuses  
10 for teachers with certain qualifications who teach in  
schools designated as performance grade category "F."  
Requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules.

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