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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, 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 for the services of qualified applicants  
23 who hold a bachelor's degree in the area of speech-language  
24 impairment and who are not enrolled in a master's degree  
25 program in speech-language impairment to be appropriately  
26 used, the applicants must be certified and authorized to  
27 provide appropriate services under the direction of a  
28 speech-language pathologist in accordance with rules adopted  
29 by the State Board of Education. By August 1, 2000, the state  
30 board shall adopt rules governing certification in the area of  
31 speech-language impairment 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, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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