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Representative Cretul offered the following:

**Amendment**

Page 2, line 28 through page 3, line 19, remove all of said lines, and insert:

seven-member task force that includes representatives from two state universities and one private college or university located within this state which currently offer a 4-year deaf education or sign language interpretation program as a part of their respective curricula, two representatives from the Florida American Sign Language Teachers' Association (FASLTA), and two representatives from community colleges located within this state which have established Interpreter Training Programs (ITPs). This task force shall develop and submit to the Commissioner of Education a report that contains the most up-to-date information about American Sign Language (ASL) and

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28 guidelines for developing and maintaining ASL courses as a part  
29 of the curriculum. This information must be made available to  
30 any administrator of a public or an independent school upon  
31 request of the administrator.

32 (b) By January 1, 2005, the State Board of Education shall  
33 adopt rules establishing licensing/certification standards to be  
34 applied to teachers who teach ASL as part of a school  
35 curriculum. In developing the rules, the state board shall  
36 consult with the task force established under paragraph (a).

37 (c) An ASL teacher must be certified by the Department of  
38 Education by January 1, 2008, and must obtain current  
39 certification through the Florida American Sign Language  
40 Teachers' Association (FASLTA) by January 1, 2006. New FASLTA  
41 certification may be used by current ASL teachers as an  
42 alternative certification track.

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