

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to educational personnel;
3 amending s. 1012.991, F.S.; authorizing the
4 Commissioner of Education to withhold
5 certification or recertification of educational
6 personnel from states that do not have
7 qualifications for certification comparable to
8 those in this state; requiring the commissioner
9 to certify educational personnel within a
10 specified period; providing an 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. Section 1012.991, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 1012.991 Commissioner designated official.--

17 (1) For the purposes of the agreement set forth in
18 Article IX, the "designated state official" for this state
19 shall be the Commissioner of Education. Except as otherwise
20 provided in this section, the Commissioner of Education shall
21 enter into contracts pursuant to Article III of the agreement
22 only with the approval of the specific texts thereof by the
23 State Board of Education.

24 (2) The Commissioner of Education may withhold
25 certification, or renewal of certification, of educational
26 personnel from any state that he or she finds, with the
27 approval of the State Board of Education, does not have
28 programs of education, certification standards, or other
29 acceptable qualifications that assure preparation or
30 qualification of educational personnel on a basis that is

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1 comparable to the qualifications for certification in this
2 state.

3 (3) Except as provided in subsection (2), the
4 Commissioner of Education shall take all necessary steps to
5 certify educational personnel from all states within 90 days
6 after this act becomes a law.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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Provides that the Commissioner of Education may withhold
certification or recertification of educational personnel
from states that do not have qualifications for
certification comparable to those in this state.

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