

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Bullard

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to educational personnel;
amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; revising the
requirements for mastery of general knowledge,
mastery of subject area knowledge, and mastery
of professional preparation and education
competence for a valid standard teaching
certificate issued by another state; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
1012.56, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.--

(3) MASTERY OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.--Acceptable means of
demonstrating mastery of general knowledge are:

(a) Achievement of passing scores on basic skills
examination required by state board rule;

(b) Achievement of passing scores on the College Level
Academic Skills Test earned prior to July 1, 2002;

(c) A valid standard teaching certificate issued by
another state ~~that requires an examination of mastery of~~
general knowledge; or

(d) ~~A valid standard teaching certificate issued by~~
~~another state and~~ valid certificate issued by the National
Board for Professional Teaching Standards ; ~~or~~

~~(e) A valid standard teaching certificate issued by~~
~~another state and documentation of 2 years of continuous~~
~~successful full-time teaching or administrative experience~~

1 ~~during the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of~~
2 ~~application for certification.~~

3 (4) MASTERY OF SUBJECT AREA KNOWLEDGE.--Acceptable
4 means of demonstrating mastery of subject area knowledge are:

5 (a) Achievement of passing scores on subject area
6 examinations required by state board rule;

7 (b) Completion of the subject area specialization
8 requirements specified in state board rule and verification of
9 the attainment of the essential subject matter competencies by
10 the district school superintendent of the employing school
11 district or chief administrative officer of the employing
12 state-supported or private school for a subject area for which
13 a subject area examination has not been developed and required
14 by state board rule;

15 (c) Completion of the graduate level subject area
16 specialization requirements specified in state board rule for
17 a subject coverage requiring a master's or higher degree and
18 achievement of a passing score on the subject area examination
19 specified in state board rule;

20 (d) A valid standard teaching certificate issued by
21 another state ~~that requires an examination of mastery of~~
22 ~~subject area knowledge; or~~

23 (e) A ~~valid standard teaching certificate issued by~~
24 ~~another state and~~ valid certificate issued by the National
25 Board for Professional Teaching Standards ; ~~or~~

26 (f) ~~A valid standard teaching certificate issued by~~
27 ~~another state and~~ documentation of 2 years of continuous
28 successful full-time teaching or administrative experience
29 during the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of
30 application for certification.

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1 (5) MASTERY OF PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND EDUCATION
2 COMPETENCE.--Acceptable means of demonstrating mastery of
3 professional preparation and education competence are:

4 (a) Completion of an approved teacher preparation
5 program at a postsecondary educational institution within this
6 state and achievement of a passing score on the professional
7 education competency examination required by state board rule;

8 (b) Completion of a teacher preparation program at a
9 postsecondary educational institution outside Florida and
10 achievement of a passing score on the professional education
11 competency examination required by state board rule;

12 (c) A valid standard teaching certificate issued by
13 another state ~~that requires an examination of mastery of~~
14 ~~professional education competence;~~

15 (d) A ~~valid standard teaching certificate issued by~~
16 ~~another state and~~ valid certificate issued by the National
17 Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

18 ~~(e) A valid standard teaching certificate issued by~~
19 ~~another state and documentation of 2 years of continuous~~
20 ~~successful full-time teaching or administrative experience~~
21 ~~during the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of~~
22 ~~application for certification;~~

23 (e)~~(f)~~ Completion of professional preparation courses
24 as specified in state board rule, successful completion of a
25 professional education competence demonstration program
26 pursuant to paragraph (7)(b), and achievement of a passing
27 score on the professional education competency examination
28 required by state board rule; or

29 (f)~~(g)~~ Successful completion of a professional
30 preparation alternative certification and education competency
31 program, outlined in paragraph (7)(a).

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

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4 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
6 Senate Bill 2380

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7 The committee substitute provides that an acceptable means of
8 demonstrating general and subject area knowledge and
9 professional competence for educator certification is:

9 Holding a valid standard teaching certificate from another
10 state; or

10 Holding a valid certificate from the National Board for
11 Professional Teaching Standards.

12 The committee substitute deletes the provisions related to the
13 Commissioner of Education's authority for certification of
14 educational personnel from other states.

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