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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; amending s. 1002.39, F.S.; requiring specified certification of teachers who provide instruction to scholarship recipients in private schools; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section 1002.39, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.39 The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program.--There is established a program that is separate and distinct from the Opportunity Scholarship Program and is named the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program, pursuant to this section.

(4) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY.--To be eligible to participate in the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program, a private school must be a Florida private school, may be sectarian or nonsectarian, and must:

(f) Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, employ or contract with teachers who are certified for each grade level, subject area, and exceptionality in which the teacher provides instruction to a recipient of a John M. McKay Scholarship ~~held baccalaureate or higher degrees, or have at least 3 years of teaching experience in public or private schools, or have special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to provide instruction in subjects taught.~~

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