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Representative Cretul offered the following:

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Remove line(s) 48-70, and insert:

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 guidelines for developing and maintaining ASL courses as a part

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28 of the curriculum. This information must be made available to
29 any administrator of a public or an independent school upon
30 request of the administrator.

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

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