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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to educator certification  
3           requirements; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.;  
4           providing requirements relating to the mastery  
5           of subject area knowledge which  
6           librarians/media specialists must fulfill;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1012.56, Florida  
12   Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1012.56 Educator certification requirements.--

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

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

18           (b) Completion of the subject area specialization  
19   requirements specified in state board rule and verification of  
20   the attainment of the essential subject matter competencies by  
21   the district school superintendent of the employing school  
22   district or chief administrative officer of the employing  
23   state-supported or private school for a subject area for which  
24   a subject area examination has not been developed and required  
25   by state board rule;

26           (c) Completion of the subject area specialization  
27   requirements specified in state board rule for a subject  
28   coverage requiring a master's or higher degree or  
29   instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(c) and  
30   achievement of a passing score on the subject area examination  
31   specified in state board rule;

1 (d) A valid professional standard teaching certificate  
2 issued by another state; or

3 (e) A valid certificate issued by the National Board  
4 for Professional Teaching Standards.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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8 SENATE SUMMARY

9 Provides educator-certification requirements pertaining  
10 to the mastery of subject area knowledge which  
librarians/media specialists must attain.

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