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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.; providing a requirement relating to the employment
 of teachers for private school participation in the
 program; 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)1. Employ or contract with teachers who hold
 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.

2. Employ at least one teacher who has a bachelor's degree
 in special education or a master's degree in a related field.

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