

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to personnel discipline in public schools;
 3 amending s. 1012.795, F.S.; authorizing the Education
 4 Practices Commission to penalize any person who knowingly
 5 obtained or knowingly attempted to obtain an educator
 6 certificate by fraudulent means; providing an effective
 7 date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 12 1012.795, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to
 14 discipline.--

15 (1) The Education Practices Commission may suspend the
 16 educator certificate of any person as defined in s. 1012.01(2)
 17 or (3) for a period of time not to exceed 5 years, thereby
 18 denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed
 19 by a district school board or public school in any capacity
 20 requiring direct contact with students for that period of time,
 21 after which the holder may return to teaching as provided in
 22 subsection (4); may revoke the educator certificate of any
 23 person, thereby denying that person the right to teach or
 24 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public
 25 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students
 26 for a period of time not to exceed 10 years, with reinstatement
 27 subject to the provisions of subsection (4); may revoke
 28 permanently the educator certificate of any person thereby

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29 denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed
30 by a district school board or public school in any capacity
31 requiring direct contact with students; may suspend the educator
32 certificate, upon order of the court, of any person found to
33 have a delinquent child support obligation; or may impose any
34 other penalty provided by law, provided it can be shown that the
35 person:

36 (a) Knowingly obtained or knowingly attempted to obtain an
37 educator certificate by fraudulent means.

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