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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to teacher preparation programs; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; specifying uniform core curricula for persons majoring in education to be adopted by State Board of Education rule; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 1004.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for teacher preparation programs.--

(2) UNIFORM CORE CURRICULA.--

(b) The rules ~~establishing to establish~~ uniform core curricula for each state-approved teacher preparation program must include, but are not limited to, the following courses and semester credit hours or credit-hour equivalents:

1. General education requirements for education majors:

a. Twelve semester hours in English to include writing, literature, and speech.

b. Nine semester hours in science to include earth science, life science, and physical science with a minimum of one associated laboratory.

c. Nine semester hours in mathematics to include college algebra or above and college geometry.

d. Twelve semester hours in social sciences to include American history and general psychology.

- 1           e. Six semester hours in humanities to include  
2 philosophy and fine arts.
- 3           2. Professional preparation requirements for education  
4 majors:
- 5           a. Twelve semester hours in reading for elementary  
6 education majors.
- 7           b. Three semester hours in reading for secondary  
8 education majors.
- 9           c. Three semester hours in classroom management,  
10 school safety, professional ethics, and educational law.
- 11           d. Three semester hours in human development and  
12 learning.
- 13           e. Three semester hours in assessment to include  
14 understanding of the content measured in state achievement  
15 tests.
- 16           f. At least 10 weeks in full-time field-based  
17 experience.
- 18           g. Competency in the twelve educator-accomplished  
19 practices.
- 20           h. Instruction and competency demonstration in  
21 strategies for different learning styles and exceptionalities,  
22 for assessment of student learning, for use of technology, and  
23 for teaching ESOL students which strategies meet the  
24 requirements of the Consent Decree.
- 25           i. Passing all required Florida Teacher Certification  
26 Examinations.
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- 28 Such rules shall apply to all students who enroll in  
29 state-approved teacher preparation programs at the freshman  
30 level beginning July 1, 2007 ~~a State Board of Education~~  
31 ~~identified foundation in scientifically researched,~~

1 ~~knowledge based reading literacy and computational skills~~  
2 ~~acquisition; classroom management; school safety; professional~~  
3 ~~ethics; educational law; human development and learning; and~~  
4 ~~understanding of the Sunshine State Standards content measured~~  
5 ~~by state achievement tests, reading and interpretation of~~  
6 ~~data, and use of data to improve student achievement.~~

7           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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