

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public school educator certification;
 3 creating s. 1012.587, F.S.; prohibiting certain
 4 requirements for certification or endorsement in English
 5 for Speakers of Other Languages; providing an effective
 6 date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 1012.587, Florida Statutes, is created
 11 to read:

12 1012.587 Educator certification in English for Speakers of
 13 Other Languages.--

14 (1) The Department of Education or a school district may
 15 not require an educator with certification or endorsement in
 16 reading or intensive reading to earn more than 60 inservice
 17 hours for endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages
 18 after credit is applied for duplicative competencies from
 19 certification or endorsement in reading or intensive reading.

20 (2) The Department of Education or a school district, when
 21 requiring an educator to obtain certification or endorsement in
 22 English for Speakers of Other Languages upon assignment of a
 23 limited English proficient student to the educator, may not
 24 require the educator to begin meeting the certification or
 25 endorsement requirements sooner than 45 school days or one
 26 grading period after the student's assignment, whichever comes
 27 first.

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