

HB 451

2007

1 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
11 1004.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for
13 teacher preparation programs.--

14 (2) UNIFORM CORE CURRICULA.--

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

19 1. General education requirements for education majors:

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

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

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

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

29 e. Six semester hours in humanities to include philosophy
30 and fine arts.

31 2. Professional preparation requirements for education
32 majors:

33 a. Twelve semester hours in reading for elementary
34 education majors.

35 b. Three semester hours in reading for secondary education
36 majors.

37 c. Three semester hours in classroom management, school
38 safety, professional ethics, and educational law.

39 d. Three semester hours in human development and learning.

40 e. Three semester hours in assessment to include
41 understanding of the content measured in state achievement
42 tests.

43 f. At least 10 weeks in full-time field-based experience.

44 g. Competency in the twelve educator-accomplished
45 practices.

46 h. Instruction and competency demonstration in strategies
47 for different learning styles and exceptionalities, for
48 assessment of student learning, for use of technology, and for
49 teaching ESOL students which strategies meet the requirements of
50 the Consent Decree.

51 i. Passing all required Florida Teacher Certification
52 Examinations.

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54 Such rules shall apply to all students who enroll in state-
55 approved teacher preparation programs at the freshman level
56 beginning July 1, 2007 ~~a State Board of Education identified~~

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57 ~~foundation in scientifically researched, knowledge based reading~~
58 ~~literacy and computational skills acquisition; classroom~~
59 ~~management; school safety; professional ethics; educational law;~~
60 ~~human development and learning; and understanding of the~~
61 ~~Sunshine State Standards content measured by state achievement~~
62 ~~tests, reading and interpretation of data, and use of data to~~
63 ~~improve student achievement.~~

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