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1 | Representative Carroll offered the following:

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3 | **Amendment**

4 | Remove lines 18-70 and insert:

5 | Languages (ESOL) endorsement or certification. In addition,

6 | these teachers must complete 180 inservice hours of ESOL

7 | training to become ESOL endorsed or certified. The 180 inservice

8 | hours must include the following: 60 inservice hours of applied

9 | linguistics for second language learners or documented

10 | completion of such training; 60 inservice hours of methods of

11 | teaching ESOL or documented completion of such training; and 60

12 | inservice hours of practicum or demonstration of mastery in ESOL

13 | or documented completion of such training. Documentation of

14 | these inservice requirements is subject to approval by the

15 | Department of Education.

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16   Section 2.   Reading and English for Speakers of Other

17 Languages (ESOL) Task Force.--

18   (1)(a)   Effective upon this act becoming a law, there is

19 created the Reading and English for Speakers of Other Languages

20 (ESOL) Inservice Requirements Task Force with the purpose of

21 reviewing and making recommendations for:

22   1.   Improvement to existing statutes;

23   2.   Existing required training components associated with

24 the Second language Acquisition and ESOL Methods courses;

25   3.   The inclusion of any missing competencies for ESOL from

26 the Reading Endorsement;

27   4.   Required components and competencies for the practicum;

28   5.   Evaluation methods for implementation; and

29   6.   Standards for Endorsement and Certification credentials

30 in bilingual education for teachers working in bilingual

31 programs.

32   (b)   The task force shall be composed of the following 16

33 members and shall be ethnically, culturally, and geographically

34 diverse. Members of the task force shall be a representative

35 sample from various associations and organizations related to

36 ESOL and education:

37   1.   The Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee.

38   2.   One representative who shall be selected from nominees

39 presented by the Florida Reading Association who shall be

40 appointed by the Commissioner of Education and serve as co-

41 chair.

42   3.   One representative selected from nominees presented by

43 Sunshine State Teachers of English of Students of Other

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44 Languages, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of

45 Education and serve as co-chair.

46   4. One representative from the Florida Center for Reading

47 Research.

48   5. A principal of a school with at least 200 ESOL

49 students.

50   6. Three kindergarten through grade 12 teachers, one of

51 whom shall be certified in reading to be appointed by the

52 Governor, one of whom shall be certified in ESOL appointed by

53 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one of whom

54 shall be certified in both areas appointed by the President of

55 the Senate.

56   7. Two district school superintendents, or their designee,

57 to be appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

58   8. Two representatives from the Florida Association of

59 Bilingual and ESOL Supervisors appointed by the Speaker of the

60 House of Representatives.

61   9. A representative from the Florida Education Association

62 appointed by the President of the Senate.

63   10. A representative from a college or university who has

64 knowledge of teacher preparation programs for reading and ESOL

65 appointed by the Board of Governors.

66   11. A representative from the Florida Association of Staff

67 Development apointed by the Governor.

68   12. One national expert in Second Language Reading to be

69 nominated by TESOL, Inc.

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70   (2) The members of the task force shall be appointed by
71 July 1, 2008, and shall convene the initial meeting of the task
72 force by September 1, 2008.
73   (3) The task force is assigned to the Department of
74 Education for administrative purposes and in effect for 3 years.
75 Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but
76 are entitled to per diem and travel expenses under s. 112.061,
77 Florida Statutes. Members of the task force are subject to the
78 Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III
79 of chapter 112, Florida Statutes.