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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the certification of public school educators; creating s. 1012.587, F.S.; specifying inservice requirements for educators who provide instruction in English for Speakers of Other Languages; providing an effective date.

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

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

1012.587 Inservice requirements for educators of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).--To ensure the most conducive learning environment and the use of appropriate teaching strategies for students who have limited English proficiency, inservice requirements for educators who provide instruction in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) shall be as follows:

- (1) For the primary English instructor (basic ESOL) who is an English/language arts teacher, 300 inservice hours or the equivalent.
- (2) For an instructor teaching the basic subject areas of reading, mathematics, science, social studies, or computer literacy, 60 inservice hours or the equivalent.
- (3) For an instructor teaching subject areas other than basic ESOL or basic subject areas, 18 inservice hours or the equivalent.
  - (4) For a school administrator or guidance counselor, 60

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29 <u>inservice hours or the equivalent.</u>

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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