

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the certification of public school
3 educators; creating s. 1012.587, F.S.; specifying
4 inservice requirements for educators who provide
5 instruction in English for Speakers of Other Languages;
6 providing an 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. Section 1012.587, Florida Statutes, is created
11 to read:

12 1012.587 Inservice requirements for educators of English
13 for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).--To ensure the most
14 conducive learning environment and the use of appropriate
15 teaching strategies for students who have limited English
16 proficiency, inservice requirements for educators who provide
17 instruction in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
18 shall be as follows:

19 (1) For the primary English instructor (basic ESOL) who is
20 an English/language arts teacher, 300 inservice hours or the
21 equivalent, or, if the teacher demonstrates mastery of subject
22 area knowledge of English for Speakers of Other Languages
23 through achievement of passing scores on subject area
24 examinations required by State Board of Education rule, 120
25 inservice hours or the equivalent.

26 (2) For an instructor teaching the basic subject areas of
27 reading, mathematics, science, social studies, or computer
28 literacy, 60 inservice hours or the equivalent.

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29 (3) For an instructor teaching subject areas other than
30 basic ESOL or basic subject areas, 18 inservice hours or the
31 equivalent.

32 (4) For a school administrator or guidance counselor, 60
33 inservice hours or the equivalent.

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