

By Senator Altman

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to state-approved teacher preparation
3 programs; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; specifying that
4 the State Board of Education adopt rules that require
5 certain students in state-approved teacher preparation
6 programs to assist teachers with low-performing
7 students in reading as part of certain field
8 experiences; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1004.04, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1004.04 Public accountability and state approval for
15 teacher preparation programs.—

16 (2) UNIFORM CORE CURRICULA.—

17 (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules pursuant
18 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 that establish uniform core
19 curricula for each state-approved teacher preparation program.

20 (b) The rules to establish uniform core curricula for each
21 state-approved teacher preparation program must include, but are
22 not limited to, a State Board of Education identified foundation
23 in scientifically researched, knowledge-based reading literacy
24 and computational skills acquisition; classroom management;
25 school safety; professional ethics; educational law; human
26 development and learning; and understanding of the Sunshine
27 State Standards content measured by state achievement tests,
28 reading and interpretation of data, and use of data to improve
29 student achievement.

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30 (c) These rules must include the requirement that a student
31 in a state-approved teacher preparation program, as part of a
32 preservice field experience course, internship, or student
33 teaching assignment at the elementary school level, assist
34 teachers who are teaching low-performing students in reading in
35 a public elementary school in the school district in which the
36 program is located.

37 (d)-(e) These rules shall not require an additional period
38 of time-to-degree but may be phased in to enable teacher
39 preparation programs to supplant courses, including pedagogy
40 courses, not required by law or State Board of Education rule
41 with the courses and assignments identified pursuant to
42 paragraphs ~~paragraph~~ (b) and (c).

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.