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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; amending s. 1008.34,
3 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to
4 numerically rank public schools based on specific
5 criteria; amending s. 1012.21, F.S.; requiring the
6 department to provide liability insurance and
7 notification to specific personnel; amending s.
8 1012.56, F.S.; authorizing certain schools to hire
9 individuals who are not certified educators, but who
10 meet specific criteria, to teach specific courses;
11 requiring rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 1008.34,
16 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and (8),
17 respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section
18 to read:

19 1008.34 School grading system; school report cards;
20 district grade.—

21 (6) SCHOOL RANKINGS.—Beginning with the 2016-2017 school
22 year, the Department of Education shall annually develop and
23 publish on its website a numerical ranking of all public
24 schools. The rankings shall be based on the calculation of
25 points earned pursuant to paragraph (3) (b).

26 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 1012.21, Florida

27 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
 28 (6) is added to that section to read:

29 1012.21 Department of Education duties; K-12 personnel.—

30 (6) (a) As provided for in the General Appropriations Act,
 31 the Department of Education shall provide at least \$1 million in
 32 liability insurance for instructional personnel as defined in s.
 33 1012.01(2).

34 (b) By August 1 of each year, the department shall provide
 35 instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2) with written
 36 notification of the liability insurance provided by the
 37 department.

38 Section 3. Subsections (12) through (16) of section
 39 1012.56, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (13)
 40 through (17), respectively, and a new subsection (12) is added
 41 to that section to read:

42 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

43 (12) CERTIFICATION EXEMPTION.—

44 (a) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a school
 45 that is ranked in the top 25 percent of schools listed in the
 46 numerical school rankings published pursuant to s. 1008.34(6)
 47 may hire an individual who does not hold a professional or
 48 temporary certificate to teach in an academic field in
 49 kindergarten through grade 12 if the individual is an expert in
 50 the field related to the course.

51 (b) An individual who is hired under this subsection must
 52 submit to and pass the background screening and fingerprinting

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53 requirements of subsection (10).

54 (c) The State Board of Education shall, by rule, define
55 the term "expert in the field" for purposes of this subsection.

56 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.