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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Garcia) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
1012.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

(7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

(a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional  
certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant



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11 who meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2) or,  
12 for a professional certificate covering grades 6 through 12, any  
13 applicant who:

14 1. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(h).

15 2. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of  
16 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

17 3. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the  
18 advanced degree.

19 4. Is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's  
20 performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part on  
21 student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized  
22 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International  
23 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate  
24 examination.

25 5. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional  
26 education competency examination required by state board rule.

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28 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years  
29 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph  
30 (2)(g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of  
31 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are  
32 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time  
33 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school  
34 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall  
35 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a  
36 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond  
37 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement  
38 of paragraph (2)(g). The State Board of Education shall adopt  
39 rules to allow the department to extend the validity period of a



40 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the  
41 professional certificate, not including the requirement in  
42 paragraph (2)(g), were not completed due to the serious illness  
43 or injury of the applicant or other extraordinary extenuating  
44 circumstances. The department shall reissue the temporary  
45 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the  
46 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of  
47 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school  
48 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab  
49 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or  
50 the governing authority of a private school.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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53 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
56 and insert:

57 A bill to be entitled  
58 An act relating to teacher certification; amending s.  
59 1012.56, F.S.; providing alternative requirements for  
60 earning a professional educator certificate that  
61 covers certain grades; providing an effective date.