

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to bilingual subject area
 3 certification for certified educators; creating s.
 4 1012.563, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education
 5 to establish subject area certifications in bilingual
 6 education for certified educators; providing
 7 requirements for the certifications; requiring
 8 specified courses be taught by faculty holding certain
 9 degrees and meeting specified criteria; requiring the
 10 subject area certifications be available by a
 11 specified date; providing an effective date.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1012.563, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 1012.563 Bilingual subject area certification.-

18 (1) Pursuant to s. 1012.56, the State Board of Education
 19 shall establish by rule requirements for a subject area
 20 certificate in bilingual education for prekindergarten and
 21 primary education and a subject area certificate in bilingual
 22 education for kindergarten through grade 12 for certified
 23 educators. The requirements must include:

24 (a) Meeting the standards for certification in
 25 prekindergarten and primary education or kindergarten through

26 | grade 12, as applicable.

27 | (b) Successful completion of coursework in foundations of
 28 | bilingualism, biliteracy, and bilingual education.

29 | (c) Successful completion of coursework in methods,
 30 | curriculum, and assessment for content instruction in two
 31 | languages.

32 | (d) Successful completion of clinical experience in a
 33 | bilingual educational setting.

34 | (e) Demonstration of bilingual and biliterate proficiency.

35 | (2) Courses used to meet the bilingual education
 36 | requirements of this section must be taught by a faculty member
 37 | with a terminal degree in Bilingual Education, Applied
 38 | Linguistics, World Language, Teaching English to Speakers of
 39 | Other Languages, or Modern Language Education who has experience
 40 | in one or more of the following:

41 | (a) Teaching and conducting research in a dual language or
 42 | other bilingual setting;

43 | (b) Conducting research in a dual language or other
 44 | bilingual setting; or

45 | (c) Conducting professional development in a dual language
 46 | or other bilingual setting.

47 | (3) The subject area certificates in bilingual education
 48 | must be available to educators beginning July 1, 2018.

49 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.