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Senator Baxley moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 221 and 222

insert:

Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section
1012.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

(7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

(b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
paragraphs (2) (a)-(f) and completes the subject area content



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12 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
13 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
14 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
15 Department of Education at the level required for the subject
16 area specialization in state board rule, subject to the
17 following conditions:

18 1. If the applicant does not enroll in a teacher
19 preparation program or a teacher mentorship and induction
20 program within 90 days after the issuance of the temporary
21 certificate, the temporary certificate shall be revoked.

22 2. An applicant whose temporary certificate has been
23 revoked pursuant to subparagraph 1. must enroll in a teacher
24 preparation program or a teacher mentorship and induction
25 program before the department may issue the applicant a new
26 temporary certificate.

27 3. An applicant previously enrolled in a teacher
28 preparation program or a teacher mentorship and induction
29 program but who is no longer enrolled in the program has 30 days
30 to reenroll, or his or her temporary certificate shall be
31 revoked.

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33 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years
34 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph
35 (2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of
36 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are
37 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time
38 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school
39 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall
40 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a



41 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond
42 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement
43 of paragraph (2)(g). The State Board of Education shall adopt
44 rules to allow the department to extend the validity period of a
45 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the
46 professional certificate, not including the requirement in
47 paragraph (2)(g), were not completed due to the serious illness
48 or injury of the applicant or other extraordinary extenuating
49 circumstances. The department shall reissue the temporary
50 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
51 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
52 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
53 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
54 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
55 the governing authority of a private school.

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58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 Delete line 21

60 and insert:

61 cross-references to changes made by the act; amending
62 s. 1012.56, F.S.; specifying conditions under which a
63 temporary certificate for an educator shall be
64 revoked; providing