

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to instructional personnel; amending
3 s. 1012.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
4 "instructional personnel" to include specified
5 prekindergarten instructors; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1012.01, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1012.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the
13 following terms have the following meanings:

14 (2) INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL.—"Instructional personnel"
15 means any prekindergarten through grade 12 ~~K-12~~ staff member
16 whose function includes the provision of direct instructional
17 services to students. Instructional personnel also includes K-12
18 personnel whose functions provide direct support in the learning
19 process of students. Included in the classification of
20 instructional personnel are the following prekindergarten
21 through grade 12 ~~K-12~~ personnel:

22 (a) Classroom teachers.—Classroom teachers are staff
23 members assigned the professional activity of instructing
24 students in courses in classroom situations, including basic
25 instruction, exceptional student education, career education,

26 | and adult education, including substitute teachers. Included in
27 | this classification are prekindergarten instructors who hold an
28 | educator certificate in Prekindergarten/Primary Education,
29 | Preschool Education, or any exceptional student education area
30 | with the Prekindergarten Disabilities endorsement.

31 | (b) Student personnel services.—Student personnel services
32 | include staff members responsible for~~+~~ advising students with
33 | regard to their abilities and aptitudes, educational and
34 | occupational opportunities, and personal and social adjustments;
35 | providing placement services; performing educational
36 | evaluations; and similar functions. Included in this
37 | classification are certified school counselors, social workers,
38 | career specialists, and school psychologists.

39 | (c) Librarians/media specialists.—Librarians/media
40 | specialists are staff members responsible for providing school
41 | library media services. These employees are responsible for
42 | evaluating, selecting, organizing, and managing media and
43 | technology resources, equipment, and related systems;
44 | facilitating access to information resources beyond the school;
45 | working with teachers to make resources available in the
46 | instructional programs; assisting teachers and students in media
47 | productions; and instructing students in the location and use of
48 | information resources.

49 | (d) Other instructional staff.—Other instructional staff
50 | are staff members who are part of the instructional staff but

51 are not classified in one of the categories specified in
52 paragraphs (a)-(c). Included in this classification are primary
53 specialists, learning resource specialists, instructional
54 trainers, adjunct educators certified pursuant to s. 1012.57,
55 and similar positions.

56 (e) Education paraprofessionals.—Education
57 paraprofessionals are individuals who are under the direct
58 supervision of an instructional staff member, aiding the
59 instructional process. Included in this classification are
60 classroom paraprofessionals in regular instruction, exceptional
61 education paraprofessionals, career education paraprofessionals,
62 adult education paraprofessionals, library paraprofessionals,
63 physical education and playground paraprofessionals, and other
64 school-level paraprofessionals.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.