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Senator Thurston moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1402 and 1403

insert:

Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section
1002.421, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.421 State school choice scholarship program
accountability and oversight.—

(1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private
school participating in an educational scholarship program
established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as



12 defined in s. 1002.01(2) in this state, be registered, and be in
13 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to
14 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific
15 requirements identified within respective scholarship program
16 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private
17 schools, and must:

18 (h) Employ or contract with teachers who hold baccalaureate
19 or higher degrees or, have at least 3 years of teaching
20 experience in public or private schools, ~~or have special skills,~~
21 ~~knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to provide~~
22 ~~instruction in subjects taught.~~

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24 The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private
25 school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and
26 shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship
27 students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a
28 private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection
29 or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the
30 report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may
31 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
32 in a scholarship program.

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

35 And the title is amended as follows:

36 Delete line 39

37 and insert:

38 Credit Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.421,
39 F.S.; deleting a provision requiring private schools
40 participating in an educational scholarship program to



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41 employ or contract with teachers based on them having
42 special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies
43 them to provide instruction; amending ss. 1002.40,