

By Senator Jones

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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 following
13 terms have the following meanings:

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

23 (a) *Classroom teachers.*—Classroom teachers are staff
24 members assigned the professional activity of instructing
25 students in courses in classroom situations, including basic
26 instruction, exceptional student education, career education,
27 and adult education, including substitute teachers. Included in
28 this classification are prekindergarten instructors funded in
29 the Florida Education Finance Program who hold an educator

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30 certificate in Prekindergarten/Primary Education, Preschool
31 Education, Early Childhood Education, or any exceptional student
32 education area with the Prekindergarten Disabilities
33 endorsement.

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

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

52 (d) *Other instructional staff.*—Other instructional staff
53 are staff members who are part of the instructional staff but
54 are not classified in one of the categories specified in
55 paragraphs (a)-(c). Included in this classification are primary
56 specialists, learning resource specialists, instructional
57 trainers, adjunct educators certified pursuant to s. 1012.57,
58 and similar positions.

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

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.