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Senator Calatayud moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. By December 31, 2023, the Commissioner of  
Education shall:

(1) Conduct a thorough and comprehensive review of all  
classroom teacher training requirements in federal and state law  
or rule and district policy.

(2) Assess all classroom teacher training requirements and  
identify any duplicate federal and state training requirements.



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12           (3) Evaluate any potential negative impacts of eliminating  
13 certain classroom teacher training requirements in state law or  
14 rule or district policy.

15           (4) Review all available literature related to  
16 comprehensive reviews of classroom teacher training requirements  
17 in other states.

18           (5) Eliminate any classroom teacher training requirements  
19 not required by federal or state law.

20           (6) Provide recommendations to the Legislature for  
21 eliminating classroom teacher training requirements in state law  
22 or rule or district policy.

23           Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section  
24 1001.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25           1001.20 Department under direction of state board.—

26           (4) The Department of Education shall establish the  
27 following offices within the Office of the Commissioner of  
28 Education which shall coordinate their activities with all other  
29 divisions and offices:

30           (e) *Office of Inspector General.*—Organized using existing  
31 resources and funds and responsible for promoting  
32 accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness and detecting  
33 fraud and abuse within school districts, the Florida School for  
34 the Deaf and the Blind, and Florida College System institutions  
35 in Florida. If the Commissioner of Education determines that a  
36 district school board, the Board of Trustees for the Florida  
37 School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a Florida College System  
38 institution board of trustees is unwilling or unable to address  
39 substantiated allegations made by any person relating to waste,  
40 fraud, or financial mismanagement within the school district,



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41 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or the Florida  
42 College System institution, the office must ~~shall~~ conduct,  
43 coordinate, or request investigations into such substantiated  
44 allegations. The office shall investigate allegations or reports  
45 of possible fraud or abuse against a district school board made  
46 by any member of the Cabinet; the presiding officer of either  
47 house of the Legislature; a chair of a substantive or  
48 appropriations committee with jurisdiction; or a member of the  
49 board for which an investigation is sought. The office may  
50 investigate allegations or reports of suspected violations of a  
51 student's, parent's, or teacher's rights. The office shall have  
52 access to all information and personnel necessary to perform its  
53 duties and shall have all of its current powers, duties, and  
54 responsibilities authorized in s. 20.055.

55 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1003.32, Florida  
56 Statutes, is amended to read:

57 1003.32 Authority of teacher; responsibility for control of  
58 students; district school board and principal duties.—Subject to  
59 law and to the rules of the district school board, each teacher  
60 or other member of the staff of any school shall have such  
61 authority for the control and discipline of students as may be  
62 assigned to him or her by the principal or the principal's  
63 designated representative and shall keep good order in the  
64 classroom and in other places in which he or she is assigned to  
65 be in charge of students.

66 (3) A teacher may send a student to the principal's office  
67 to maintain effective discipline in the classroom and may  
68 recommend an appropriate consequence consistent with the student  
69 code of conduct under s. 1006.07. After determining that the



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70 student has violated the student code of conduct, the principal  
71 shall respond either by employing the teacher's recommended  
72 consequence, or by imposing a more serious disciplinary action,  
73 if the student's overall behavioral history ~~of disruptive~~  
74 ~~behavior~~ warrants it. If the principal determines that a lesser  
75 disciplinary action other than that recommended by the teacher  
76 is appropriate, the principal should consult with the teacher  
77 before ~~prior to~~ taking disciplinary action. If the principal  
78 determines that the student has not violated the student code of  
79 conduct, the principal may not impose any discipline. The  
80 principal shall notify the teacher of any decision regarding  
81 discipline, or lack thereof, and interventions provided to a  
82 student to address the behavior. If the principal deviates in  
83 any way from the teacher's recommendation, the principal must  
84 provide the reasons for any such deviation in writing to the  
85 teacher.

86 Section 4. Subsection (18) of section 1009.26, Florida  
87 Statutes, is amended to read:

88 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

89 (18) (a) For every course in a Program of Strategic  
90 Emphasis, as identified in subparagraph 3., or a state-approved  
91 teacher preparation program, in which a student is enrolled, a  
92 state university shall waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees  
93 for an equivalent course in such program for a student who:

94 1. Is a resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21.

95 2. Has earned at least 60 semester credit hours towards a  
96 baccalaureate degree within 2 academic years after initial  
97 enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution.

98 3. Enrolls in one of 10 Programs of Strategic Emphasis as



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99 adopted by the Board of Governors or a state-approved teacher  
100 preparation program. The Board of Governors shall adopt eight  
101 Programs of Strategic Emphasis in science, technology,  
102 engineering, or math and, beginning with the 2022-2023 academic  
103 year, two Programs of Strategic Emphasis in the critical  
104 workforce gap analysis category for which a student may be  
105 eligible to receive the tuition and fee waiver authorized by  
106 this subsection. The programs identified by the board must  
107 reflect the priorities of the state and be offered at a majority  
108 of state universities.

109 (b) A waiver granted under this subsection is applicable  
110 only for upper-level courses and up to 110 percent of the number  
111 of required credit hours of the baccalaureate degree program for  
112 which the student is enrolled.

113 (c) Upon enrollment in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or a  
114 state-approved teacher preparation program, the tuition and fees  
115 waived under this subsection must be reported for state funding  
116 purposes under ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535 and must be disbursed  
117 to the student. The amount disbursed to the student must ~~shall~~  
118 be equal to the award amount the student has received under s.  
119 1009.534(2) or s. 1009.535(2).

120 (d) Each state university shall report to the Board of  
121 Governors the number and value of all waivers granted annually  
122 under this subsection. A state university in compliance with  
123 this subsection may earn incentive funding, subject to  
124 appropriation, in addition to the funding provided under s.  
125 1001.92.

126 (e) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to  
127 administer this subsection.



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128 Section 5. Section 1009.31, Florida Statutes, is created to  
129 read:

130 1009.31 Dual Enrollment Educator Scholarship Program.—

131 (1) The Dual Enrollment Educator Scholarship Program is  
132 established to assist teachers of grades 9-12 in public schools  
133 in this state in obtaining the graduate degree and credentials  
134 necessary to provide dual enrollment coursework directly to  
135 students on the campuses of such schools.

136 (2) The Department of Education shall:

137 (a) Administer the scholarship program in accordance with  
138 rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

139 (b) In consultation with the Board of Governors, identify  
140 graduate-level degree programs offered at state universities  
141 which meet accrediting agency requirements for teaching general  
142 education core courses, as identified in s. 1007.25. The  
143 department shall provide the list of approved degree programs to  
144 school districts and post it on its website.

145 (c) In consultation with the Board of Governors, identify  
146 qualified degree programs that are available entirely online.

147 (d) Identify and prioritize districts for participation in  
148 the scholarship program based on each district's ratio of  
149 students from low-income and moderate-income households, the  
150 availability of dual enrollment courses in the district, and the  
151 geographic proximity of high schools in the district to  
152 participating postsecondary institutions.

153 (e) Prioritize scholarship program applicants who are  
154 currently enrolled in an approved graduate program at a state  
155 university.

156 (f) Identify school districts with the highest need for



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157 teachers, as described in subsection (1), in which participants  
158 completing the scholarship program may teach to satisfy the  
159 requirement imposed by subparagraph (4) (a)3.

160 (3) A scholarship applicant must satisfy the following  
161 eligibility criteria:

162 (a) Be a certified teacher of grades 9-12 in a public  
163 school in this state.

164 (b) Be accepted into, or currently enrolled in, an approved  
165 graduate program in a subject within his or her area of  
166 certification, as identified pursuant to paragraph (2) (b).

167 (4) (a) As a condition of receiving a scholarship, the  
168 recipient must agree to do all of the following:

169 1. Complete the graduate degree program and additional  
170 required credentials within 3 academic years of the initial  
171 award.

172 2. Upon completion of the degree, teach at least one  
173 general education core course, as identified in s. 1007.25, per  
174 semester at a public school mutually agreed upon by the school  
175 district and the postsecondary institution. The recipient may  
176 teach additional courses at the school upon the approval of the  
177 school district and the postsecondary institution.

178 3. Remain in his or her district, or an eligible district  
179 as identified by the Department of Education, as a certified  
180 classroom teacher for at least 3 school years after completion  
181 of his or her degree.

182 (b) A scholarship recipient who does not complete an  
183 identified degree, or who does not complete at least 3 school  
184 years of service after the completion of an identified degree,  
185 must repay the amount of the scholarship to the Department of



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186 Education on a schedule determined by the department. The  
187 department may provide the teacher additional time to meet his  
188 or her service requirement if the department finds that  
189 circumstances beyond the control of the teacher caused or  
190 contributed to his or her failure to complete the degree or meet  
191 the service requirement.

192 (5) The scholarship must cover the full cost of tuition and  
193 fees, including a book stipend each semester, required to  
194 complete the teacher's program.

195 (6) Funding for the Dual Enrollment Educator Scholarship  
196 Program is contingent upon the appropriation of funds in the  
197 General Appropriations Act.

198 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
199 implement this section.

200 Section 6. Section 1012.555, Florida Statutes, is created  
201 to read:

202 1012.555 Teacher Apprenticeship Program.—

203 (1) The Teacher Apprenticeship Program is established to  
204 create an alternative pathway for individuals to enter the  
205 teaching profession. The Department of Education shall  
206 administer the program in accordance with s. 446.011.

207 (2) (a) An individual must meet the following minimum  
208 eligibility requirements to participate in the apprenticeship  
209 program:

210 1. Have received an associate degree from an accredited  
211 postsecondary institution.

212 2. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in  
213 that degree program.

214 3. Have successfully passed a background screening as





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215 provided in s. 1012.32.

216 4. Have received a temporary apprenticeship certificate as  
217 provided in s. 1012.56(7) (d).

218 (b) As a condition of participating in the program, an  
219 apprentice teacher must commit to spending the first 2 years in  
220 the classroom of a mentor teacher using team teaching strategies  
221 identified in s. 1003.03(5) (b) and fulfilling the on-the-job  
222 training component of the registered apprenticeship and its  
223 associated standards.

224 (c) An apprentice teacher must do both of the following:

225 1. Complete 2 years in an apprenticeship before being  
226 eligible to apply for a professional certificate established in  
227 s. 1012.56(7) (a). Completion of the Teacher Apprenticeship  
228 Program does not exempt an apprentice teacher from the  
229 requirements of s. 1012.56(2) (c).

230 2. Receive related instruction as provided in s. 446.051.

231 (d) An apprentice teacher must be appointed by the district  
232 school board as an education paraprofessional and must be paid  
233 in accordance with s. 446.032 and rules adopted by the State  
234 Board of Education.

235 (e) An apprentice teacher may change schools or districts  
236 after the first year of his or her apprenticeship if the hiring  
237 school or district has agreed to fund the remaining year of the  
238 apprenticeship.

239 (3) A teacher who serves as a mentor in the apprenticeship  
240 program shall mentor his or her apprentice teacher using team  
241 teaching strategies and must, at a minimum, meet all of the  
242 following requirements:

243 (a) Have at least 7 years of teaching experience in this



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244 state.

245 (b) Have received an aggregate score of highly effective on  
246 the three most recent available value-added model (VAM) scores,  
247 as used by the department, or have received an aggregate score  
248 of highly effective on the three most recent available  
249 performance evaluations if the teacher does not generate a state  
250 VAM score.

251 (c) Satisfy any other requirements established by the  
252 department.

253 (4) Subject to legislative appropriation, a teacher who  
254 serves as a mentor in the apprenticeship program may receive a  
255 bonus, as specified in this subsection. If such funding is  
256 available:

257 (a) The district school board must pay a teacher who serves  
258 as a mentor 50 percent of the bonus amount upon completion of  
259 the first year of the apprenticeship.

260 (b) The district school board must pay a teacher who serves  
261 as a mentor the remainder of the bonus at the conclusion of the  
262 apprenticeship if:

263 1. The teacher successfully guides his or her apprentice to  
264 completion of the apprenticeship program;

265 2. Upon completion of the apprenticeship program, his or  
266 her apprentice is hired by a school district or charter school  
267 in this state; and

268 3. The teacher meets any additional requirements imposed by  
269 state board rule.

270 (5) A class in which an apprenticeship is conducted may  
271 exceed the class size limitation imposed in s. 1003.03(1) up to  
272 1.5 times the allowable number of students under that



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273 subsection.

274 (6) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
275 implement this section.

276 Section 7. Paragraph (d) and present paragraph (e) of  
277 subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, as amended  
278 by chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida, are amended, and a new  
279 paragraph (e) and paragraph (f) are added to that subsection, to  
280 read:

281 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

282 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

283 (d) The department shall issue a temporary apprenticeship  
284 certificate to any applicant who:

285 1. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a), (b), (d),  
286 (e), and (f).

287 2. Completes the subject area content requirements  
288 specified in state board rule or demonstrates mastery of subject  
289 area knowledge as provided in subsection (5).

290 (e) A person who is issued a temporary certificate under  
291 paragraph (b) must be assigned a teacher mentor for a minimum of  
292 2 school years after commencing employment. Each teacher mentor  
293 selected by the school district, charter school, or charter  
294 management organization must:

295 1. Hold a valid professional certificate issued pursuant to  
296 this section;

297 2. Have earned at least 3 years of teaching experience in  
298 prekindergarten through grade 12; and

299 3. Have earned an effective or highly effective rating on  
300 the prior year's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34.

301 (f) 1. ~~(e)~~ A temporary certificate issued under paragraph (b)



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302 is valid for 5 school fiscal years and is nonrenewable.

303 2. A temporary apprenticeship certificate issued under  
304 paragraph (d) is valid for 5 school years, may be issued only  
305 once, and is nonrenewable.

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307 At least 1 year before an individual's temporary certificate is  
308 set to expire, the department shall electronically notify the  
309 individual of the date on which his or her certificate will  
310 expire and provide a list of each method by which the  
311 qualifications for a professional certificate can be completed.  
312 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to allow the  
313 department to extend the validity period of a temporary  
314 certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the  
315 professional certificate were not completed due to the serious  
316 illness or injury of the applicant, the military service of an  
317 applicant's spouse, other extraordinary extenuating  
318 circumstances, or if the certificateholder is rated highly  
319 effective in the immediate prior year's performance evaluation  
320 pursuant to s. 1012.34 or has completed a 2-year mentorship  
321 program pursuant to subsection (8). The department shall extend  
322 the temporary certificate upon approval by the Commissioner of  
323 Education. A written request for extension of the certificate  
324 shall be submitted by the district school superintendent, the  
325 governing authority of a university lab school, the governing  
326 authority of a state-supported school, or the governing  
327 authority of a private school.

328 Section 8. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of  
329 section 1012.59, Florida Statutes, to read:

330 1012.59 Certification fees.-



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331           (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial  
332 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area  
333 examination fees and certification fees for:

334           (d) A retired first responder, which includes a law  
335 enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as  
336 defined in s. 633.102(9), or an emergency medical technician or  
337 paramedic as defined in s. 401.23.

338           Section 9. Section 1012.715, Florida Statutes, is created  
339 to read:

340           1012.715 Heroes in the Classroom Bonus Program.-

341           (1) PURPOSE.-Subject to legislative appropriation, the  
342 Department of Education must provide a one-time sign-on bonus,  
343 as provided in the General Appropriations Act, to retired first  
344 responders and veterans who commit to joining the teaching  
345 profession as a full-time classroom teacher. A retired first  
346 responder or veteran may receive an additional bonus for  
347 teaching a course in a critical teacher shortage area as defined  
348 in s. 1012.07.

349           (2) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

350           (a) "Retired first responder" means an individual who can  
351 document his or her full retirement as a law enforcement officer  
352 as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as defined in s.  
353 633.102(9), or an emergency medical technician or paramedic as  
354 defined in s. 401.23.

355           (b) "Veteran" has the same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

356           (3) ELIGIBILITY.-To be eligible to receive a bonus under  
357 this section, an individual must:

358           (a) As applicable, document that he or she has not been the  
359 subject of any disciplinary action during the most recent 5



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360 years of his or her employment. For purposes of this paragraph,  
361 the term "disciplinary action" includes suspensions, dismissals,  
362 and involuntary demotions associated with disciplinary actions;

363 (b) Document his or her honorable discharge from the  
364 military;

365 (c) Document receipt of a professional certificate or  
366 temporary certificate under s. 1012.56(7)(a) and (b)1.,  
367 respectively; and

368 (d) Commit to maintaining employment with the district or  
369 charter school for a minimum of 2 school years.

370 (4) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The Department of Education shall  
371 administer the bonus program. At a minimum, the department  
372 shall:

373 (a) Establish a method for determining the estimated number  
374 of eligible military veterans and first responders hired in the  
375 applicable fiscal year.

376 (b) Establish additional minimum criteria necessary to  
377 receive the bonus.

378 (c) Establish an estimated cost to the department  
379 associated with developing and administering the program.

380 (d) Establish a method by which a teacher must reimburse  
381 the state if he or she receives the bonus payment under the  
382 program but fails to maintain continuous employment for the  
383 required 2-year school period.

384 (e) Identify critical teacher shortage areas in which a  
385 military veteran or retired first responder who teaches may be  
386 eligible for an additional bonus.

387 (5) DISTRICT DUTIES.—A school district that hires eligible  
388 participants must:



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389       (a) Provide any necessary information requested by the  
390 department.

391       (b) Notify, in a manner established by the department,  
392 eligible employees for whom such employment may impact their  
393 pension from a previous position.

394       (6) RULES.—The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
395 implement this section.

396       Section 10. Chapter 1015, Florida Statutes, consisting of  
397 ss. 1015.01-1015.06, Florida Statutes, is created and entitled  
398 “Teachers’ Bill of Rights.”

399       Section 11. Section 1015.01, Florida Statutes, is created  
400 to read:

401       1015.01 Short title.—This section and ss. 1015.02-1015.06  
402 may be cited as the “Teachers’ Bill of Rights.”

403       Section 12. Section 1015.02, Florida Statutes, is created  
404 to read:

405       1015.02 Legislative findings.—The Legislature finds that  
406 education is critically important in the development of children  
407 in this state. The Legislature additionally recognizes the  
408 supreme importance of having high-quality teachers in the  
409 classroom. Further, the Legislature finds it is necessary to  
410 establish a clear set of rights for teachers regarding their  
411 profession and classrooms.

412       Section 13. Section 1015.03, Florida Statutes, is created  
413 to read:

414       1015.03 Rights of employment.—

415       (1) Pursuant to s. 447.301 and s. 6., Art. I of the State  
416 Constitution, the right of public employees, including teachers,  
417 to work may not be denied or abridged on account of membership



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418 or nonmembership in any labor union.

419 (2) (a) A teacher, except in cases of excessive force or  
420 cruel and unusual punishment, may not be held civilly or  
421 criminally liable for actions carried out in conformity with  
422 State Board of Education rules. Pursuant to s. 1012.75, a  
423 teacher shall have access to liability coverage, subject to the  
424 General Appropriations Act, through the educator liability  
425 insurance program.

426 (b) Pursuant to s. 1012.26, a teacher may receive a  
427 reimbursement of reasonable expenses for legal services from his  
428 or her school district if the teacher is charged with civil or  
429 criminal actions arising out of and in the course of the  
430 performance of assigned duties and responsibilities.

431 (3) All students and public K-20 educational institution  
432 employees, including teachers, have the right to be free from  
433 discrimination in public K-20 educational institutions.

434 (4) Pursuant to s. 1012.56, teachers must be provided  
435 multiple pathways to earn an educator certificate.

436 Section 14. Section 1015.04, Florida Statutes, is created  
437 to read:

438 1015.04 Right to continuing education.-

439 (1) Teachers are guaranteed a coordinated system of  
440 professional development with the goals of increasing student  
441 achievement, enhancing classroom instruction, and preparing  
442 students for continuing their education or joining the  
443 workforce. Pursuant to s. 1012.98, the Department of Education,  
444 public postsecondary educational institutions, public school  
445 districts, public schools, state education foundations,  
446 consortia, and professional organizations must work





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447 collaboratively to provide a coordinated system of professional  
448 development.

449 (2) Pursuant to s. 1009.26(10), teachers employed by a  
450 school district may receive a waiver for tuition and fees for up  
451 to 6 credit hours per term at a state university or Florida  
452 College System institution.

453 Section 15. Section 1015.05, Florida Statutes, is created  
454 to read:

455 1015.05 Right to control the classroom.—

456 (1) In accordance with state board rules and general law, a  
457 teacher has the authority to control and discipline students in  
458 his or her classroom and in other places in which the teacher is  
459 assigned to be in charge of students. Pursuant to s. 1003.32 and  
460 in order to provide an orderly and safe learning environment for  
461 students, a teacher may:

462 (a) Establish classroom rules of conduct.

463 (b) Establish and implement consequences, which are  
464 designed to change behavior, for infractions of classroom rules  
465 of conduct.

466 (c) Have disobedient, disrespectful, violent, abusive,  
467 uncontrollable, or disruptive students removed from the  
468 classroom for behavior management intervention.

469 (d) Have violent, abusive, uncontrollable, or disruptive  
470 students directed to appropriate school or district school board  
471 personnel for information and assistance.

472 (e) Assist in enforcing school rules on school property,  
473 during school-sponsored transportation, and during school-  
474 sponsored activities.

475 (f) Request and receive information relating to the



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476 disposition of any referrals to administration for a violation  
477 of classroom rules of conduct or school rules.

478 (g) Request and receive immediate assistance in classroom  
479 management if a student becomes uncontrollable or in the case of  
480 an emergency.

481 (h) Request and receive training and other assistance to  
482 improve his or her skills in classroom management, violence  
483 prevention, conflict resolution, and related areas.

484 (i) Press charges if there is a reason to believe that a  
485 crime has been committed on school property, during school-  
486 sponsored transportation, or during school-sponsored activities.

487 (j) Use reasonable force, according to standards adopted by  
488 the State Board of Education, to protect himself or herself or  
489 others from injury.

490 (2) For purposes of this section, in cases in which a  
491 teacher faces litigation or professional practices sanctions for  
492 an action taken pursuant to subsection (1), there is a  
493 rebuttable presumption that a teacher was taking necessary  
494 action to restore or maintain the safety or educational  
495 atmosphere of his or her classroom.

496 Section 16. Section 1015.06, Florida Statutes, is created  
497 to read:

498 1015.06 Right to direct classroom instruction.-

499 (1) (a) In accordance with general law and State Board of  
500 Education rules, a teacher has the right to direct his or her  
501 classroom instruction. If a teacher is directed by his or her  
502 school district or school to violate general law or state board  
503 rules, he or she may request the Commissioner of Education to  
504 appoint a special magistrate who is a member of The Florida Bar



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505 in good standing and who has at least 5 years' experience in  
506 administrative law. The special magistrate shall determine facts  
507 relating to the dispute over the school district procedure or  
508 practice, consider information provided by the teacher and the  
509 school district, and render a recommended decision for  
510 resolution to the state board within 30 days after receipt of  
511 the request by the teacher.

512 (b) The state board must approve or reject the special  
513 magistrate's recommended decision at its next scheduled board  
514 meeting. The costs of the special magistrate must be borne by  
515 the school district.

516 (c) If the school district is found in violation of general  
517 law or state board rules, the state board may withhold the  
518 salary of the superintendent until the violation is corrected.

519 (2) Pursuant to s. 1008.25, a teacher has the right to  
520 receive student assessment data in a timely manner in order to  
521 assist in instruction.

522 Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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

525 And the title is amended as follows:

526 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
527 and insert:

528 A bill to be entitled  
529 An act relating to K-12 teachers; requiring the  
530 Commissioner of Education to take specified actions  
531 relating to classroom teacher training requirements by  
532 a specified date; amending s. 1001.20, F.S.;

533 authorizing the Office of Inspector General within the



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534 Department of Education to investigate allegations and  
535 reports of suspected violations of certain persons'  
536 rights; amending s. 1003.32, F.S.; revising the  
537 disciplinary actions a principal may impose on a  
538 student; revising requirements for disciplinary  
539 actions a principal may impose; amending s. 1009.26,  
540 F.S.; revising the courses eligible for a fee waiver;  
541 creating s. 1009.31, F.S.; establishing the Dual  
542 Enrollment Educator Scholarship Program; providing  
543 requirements for the department and the Board of  
544 Governors in administering the program; providing  
545 eligibility criteria for applicants; requiring  
546 scholarship recipients to agree to specified  
547 conditions; providing what the scholarship funds must  
548 cover; providing that funding for the program is  
549 contingent upon appropriation; requiring the State  
550 Board of Education to adopt rules; creating s.  
551 1012.555, F.S.; establishing the Teacher  
552 Apprenticeship Program; providing eligibility  
553 requirements for apprentice teachers; providing  
554 requirements for mentor teachers; providing that a  
555 mentor teacher may receive a bonus under specified  
556 conditions; providing that an apprenticeship classroom  
557 may exceed class size requirements up to a specified  
558 limit; authorizing the state board to adopt rules;  
559 amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; revising the validity  
560 period for certain temporary certificates; amending s.  
561 1012.59, F.S.; waiving specified certification  
562 requirements for retired first responders; creating s.



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563 1012.715, F.S.; establishing the Heroes in the  
564 Classroom Bonus Program; providing that a retired  
565 military veteran or first responder who becomes a  
566 full-time classroom teacher may receive a one-time  
567 bonus, subject to legislative appropriation; defining  
568 the terms "retired first responder" and "veteran";  
569 providing eligibility requirements for the bonus;  
570 defining the term "disciplinary action"; providing  
571 responsibilities for the department; providing  
572 responsibilities for the school district; authorizing  
573 the state board to adopt rules; creating ch. 1015,  
574 F.S., to be entitled "Teachers' Bill of Rights";  
575 creating s. 1015.01, F.S.; providing a short title;  
576 creating s. 1015.02, F.S.; providing legislative  
577 findings; creating s. 1015.03, F.S.; providing that  
578 the right of certain employees to work may not be  
579 denied or abridged by specified actions; providing  
580 civil and criminal immunity for teachers under certain  
581 circumstances; requiring that teachers have access to  
582 certain liability coverage under certain  
583 circumstances; providing that teachers may receive  
584 reimbursement of certain expenses under certain  
585 circumstances; providing that certain persons have the  
586 right to be free from discrimination; providing that  
587 teachers must be provided multiple pathways to earn an  
588 educator certificate; creating s. 1015.04, F.S.;  
589 providing that teachers are guaranteed a coordinated  
590 system of professional development; providing that  
591 certain teachers may receive specified tuition and fee



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592           waivers; creating s. 1015.05, F.S.; authorizing  
593           teachers to control and discipline students in their  
594           classrooms and certain other places and to take  
595           specified actions; creating a rebuttable presumption  
596           for teachers under certain circumstances; creating s.  
597           1015.06, F.S.; providing that teachers have the right  
598           to direct their classroom instruction; authorizing  
599           teachers to bring actions against school districts and  
600           request the appointment of a special magistrate under  
601           certain circumstances; providing requirements and  
602           responsibilities for such magistrates; providing  
603           requirements for the state board; providing that  
604           teachers have the right to receive certain data in a  
605           timely manner; providing an effective date.