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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 1098 - 1125
and insert:

1. An applicant who is rated highly effective, pursuant to s. 1012.34, in at least 4 years of the 5-year validity period of his or her professional certificate is eligible for a professional certificate valid for 10 years. An applicant must be issued at least one 5-year professional certificate to be eligible for a 10-year professional certificate. An applicant



11 who does not meet the requirement of this subparagraph is
12 eligible only to renew his or her 5-year professional
13 certificate.

14 2. An applicant who is rated effective or highly effective,
15 pursuant to s. 1012.34, for the entirety of the 10-year validity
16 period of his or her professional certificate is eligible to
17 renew a professional certificate valid for 10 years. An
18 applicant issued a 10-year professional certificate who does not
19 meet the requirement of this subparagraph is eligible only for
20 renewal of a professional certificate valid for 5 years.

21 (b) A teacher with national certification from the National
22 Board for Professional Teaching Standards is deemed to meet
23 state renewal requirements for the life of the teacher's
24 national certificate in the subject shown on the national
25 certificate. A complete renewal application and fee shall be
26 submitted. The Commissioner of Education shall notify teachers
27 of the renewal application and fee requirements.

28 (c) If the renewal application form is not received by the
29 department or by the employing school district before the
30 expiration of the professional certificate, the application
31 form, application fee, and a late fee must be submitted before
32 July 1 of the year following expiration of the certificate in
33 order to renew the professional certificate.

34 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to allow
35 a 1-year extension of the validity period of a professional
36 certificate in the event of serious illness, injury, or other
37 extraordinary extenuating circumstances of the applicant. The
38 department shall grant such 1-year extension upon written
39 request by the applicant or by the district school



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40 superintendent or the governing authority of a university lab
41 school, state-supported school, or private school that employs
42 the applicant.

43 (e) The State Board of Education must adopt rules that
44 provide a process for transition from a 5-year to a 10-year
45 professional certificate or for renewal of a 10-year
46 professional certificate if student performance results are not
47 available to complete a performance evaluation in time to apply
48 for or renew the 10-year professional certificate. Such rules
49 must authorize a school district or the department, as
50 applicable, to provide an extension to the validity period of
51 the professional certificate or to convert a 5-year to a 10-year
52 professional certificate once an evaluation is completed.

53 (3) For the renewal of a professional certificate, the
54 following requirements must be met:

55 (a) The applicant must:

56 1. Earn a minimum of 6 college credits or 120 inservice
57 points or a combination thereof for a certificate valid for 5
58 years. The district school board may reduce the requirements by
59 1 college credit or 20 inservice points for an applicant rated
60 highly effective, pursuant to s. 1012.34, in at least 3 of the 5
61 years of the 5-year validity period of his or her initial
62 professional certificate.

63 2. Earn a minimum of 9 college credits or 180 inservice
64 points or a combination thereof for a professional certificate
65 valid for 10 years. A minimum of 6 college credits or 90
66 inservice points or a combination thereof must be earned within
67 the first 5 years of a professional certificate valid for 10
68 years.



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And the directory clause is amended as follows:

Delete lines 1087 - 1088

and insert:

Section 18. Subsections (2) through (4), and paragraph (b)
of subsection (5) of section

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T
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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 102

and insert:

year professional certificates; requiring the State
Board of Education to adopt rules to provide for the
transition to or renewal of a 10-year professional
certificate in certain situations; revising
requirements