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Senator Calatayud moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1309 and 1310

insert:

Section 19. Subsection (4) of section 1012.59, Florida Statutes, is added to read:

1012.59 Certification fees.—

(4) The State Board of Education shall waive initial subject area examination fees and certification fees for a teacher who holds a temporary or professional certificate in:

(a) Exceptional Student Education K-12 and who applies to



12 add a subject coverage in Elementary Education K-6.

13 (b) Elementary Education K-6 and who applies to add a
14 subject coverage in Exceptional Student Education K-12.

15 Section 20. No later than December 1, 2024, the
16 Commissioner of Education shall make recommendations to the
17 Governor and Legislature on policy and funding changes to
18 enhance the development and retention of exceptional student
19 education instructional personnel. In developing the
20 recommendations, the commissioner shall consider, but is not
21 limited to, all of the following:

22 (1) Alternative certification in place of the Elementary
23 Education K-6 certificate as an add-on for personnel certified
24 in exceptional student education.

25 (2) Financial incentives, including stipends for teacher
26 education students, loan forgiveness, and instructional
27 personnel salary adjustments and supplements.

28 (3) Strategies to encourage high school students to
29 consider exceptional student education, including through
30 preapprenticeships and dual enrollment.

31 (4) Funding under the Florida Education Finance Program to
32 support school district exceptional student education personnel
33 and programs.

34 (5) Innovative staffing, including teacher mentoring and
35 supports for certified personnel responsibilities for case
36 management and for instruction.

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39 And the title is amended as follows:

40 Delete line 109



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41 and insert:

42 professional certificate; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;

43 providing examination and certification fee waivers

44 for certain teachers; requiring the Commissioner of

45 Education to make recommendations to the Governor and

46 the Legislature regarding exceptional student

47 education instructional personnel; requiring the

48 commissioner to consider certain provisions; repealing

49 s. 1012.72, F.S.,