

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education Budget  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Aristide offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 272 and 273, insert:

7 **Section 2. Section 1004.0982, Florida Statutes, is created**  
8 **to read:**

9 1004.0982 Flexible education pathway for school  
10 counselors.—To better enable students enrolled in postsecondary  
11 school counseling programs to enter the workforce as certified  
12 school counselors, the Department of Education shall:

13 (1) If a candidate is a full-time teacher for at least 3  
14 years, reduce the 600-hour internship requirement to a 300-hour  
15 internship requirement.

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16           (2) Establish, and the State Board of Education shall  
17 adopt in rules and the Board of Governors shall adopt in  
18 regulations, guidelines and programs to provide flexibility in  
19 meeting the internship requirements for students enrolled in a  
20 postsecondary school counseling program.

21           (a) The guidelines may include any of the following:

22           1. Establishing acceptable internship settings and  
23 supervision requirements.

24           2. Establishing criteria for adjustments to internship  
25 requirements based on the student's personal circumstances.

26           3. Establishing credit equivalencies that count toward  
27 internship hours for such students.

28           4. Flexibility in meeting the internship hours for such  
29 students.

30           (b) The programs may include, subject to legislative  
31 funding, any of the following:

32           1. Scholarship programs.

33           2. Tuition reimbursement programs.

34           3. Other incentive programs.

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37                           **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

38           Remove line 11 and insert:

39           personnel must meet; creating s. 1004.0982, F.S.;

40           requiring the Department of Education to reduce the

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41 number of required internship hours for specified  
42 students under certain circumstances; requiring the  
43 department to establish specified guidelines and  
44 programs to provide specified flexibility to students  
45 enrolled in postsecondary school counseling programs;  
46 providing requirements for such guidelines and  
47 programs; requiring the State Board of Education to  
48 adopt rules and the Board of Governors to adopt  
49 regulations for such guidelines and programs; amending  
50 s. 1004.85, F.S.;