

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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| ADOPTED               | <u>      </u>     | (Y/N) |
| ADOPTED AS AMENDED    | <u>      </u>     | (Y/N) |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | <u>      </u>     | (Y/N) |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | <u>      </u>     | (Y/N) |
| WITHDRAWN             | <u>      </u>     | (Y/N) |
| OTHER                 | <u>          </u> |       |

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
Committee

Representative Aristide offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 272 and 273, insert:

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

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

(1) Reduce the 600-hour internship requirement to a 300-  
hour internship requirement if a candidate:

(a) Is a current full-time teacher who has been employed  
as a teacher for at least 5 years; and

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17        (b) Has earned an effective or highly effective rating on  
18 his or her performance evaluation for the past 3 years under s.  
19 1012.34.

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

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

26        1. Establishing acceptable internship settings and  
27 supervision requirements.

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

30        3. Establishing credit equivalencies that count toward  
31 internship hours for such students.

32        4. Flexibility in meeting the internship hours for such  
33 students.

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

36        1. Scholarship programs.

37        2. Tuition reimbursement programs.

38        3. Other incentive programs.

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42 Remove line 11 and insert:  
43 personnel must meet; creating s. 1004.0982, F.S.;  
44 requiring the Department of Education to reduce the  
45 number of required internship hours for specified  
46 students under certain circumstances; requiring the  
47 department to establish specified guidelines and  
48 programs to provide specified flexibility to students  
49 enrolled in postsecondary school counseling programs;  
50 providing requirements for such guidelines and  
51 programs; requiring the State Board of Education to  
52 adopt rules and the Board of Governors to adopt  
53 regulations for such guidelines and programs; amending  
54 s. 1004.85, F.S.;