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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Quality  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Valdés offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with directory amendment)**

6 Remove lines 2561-2665 and insert:

7 (3) MASTERY OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.—Acceptable means of  
 8 demonstrating mastery of general knowledge are:

9 (a) Achievement of passing scores on the general knowledge  
 10 examination required by state board rule;

11 (b) Documentation of a valid professional standard  
 12 teaching certificate issued by another state;

13 (c) Documentation of a valid certificate issued by the  
 14 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or a national  
 15 educator credentialing board approved by the State Board of  
 16 Education;

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17 (d) Documentation of two semesters of successful, full-  
18 time or part-time teaching in a Florida College System  
19 institution, state university, or private college or university  
20 that awards an associate or higher degree and is an accredited  
21 institution or an institution of higher education identified by  
22 the Department of Education as having a quality program;

23 (e) Achievement of passing scores, identified in state  
24 board rule, on national or international examinations that test  
25 comparable content and relevant standards in verbal, analytical  
26 writing, and quantitative reasoning skills, including, but not  
27 limited to, the verbal, analytical writing, and quantitative  
28 reasoning portions of the Graduate Record Examination. Passing  
29 scores identified in state board rule must be at approximately  
30 the same level of rigor as is required to pass the general  
31 knowledge examinations; or

32 (f) Documentation of receipt of a master's or higher  
33 degree from an accredited postsecondary educational institution  
34 that the Department of Education has identified as having a  
35 quality program resulting in a baccalaureate degree or higher.  
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37 A school district that employs an individual who does not  
38 achieve passing scores on any subtest of the general knowledge  
39 examination must provide information regarding the availability  
40 of state-level and district-level supports and instruction to  
41 assist him or her in achieving a passing score. Such information

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42 must include, but need not be limited to, state-level test  
43 information guides, school district test preparation resources,  
44 and preparation courses offered by state universities and  
45 Florida College System institutions. The requirement of mastery  
46 of general knowledge shall be waived for an individual who has  
47 been provided 3 years of supports and instruction and who has  
48 been rated effective or highly effective under s. 1012.34 for  
49 each of the last 3 years.

50 (5) MASTERY OF SUBJECT AREA KNOWLEDGE.—Acceptable means of  
51 demonstrating mastery of subject area knowledge are:

52 (d) For a subject requiring a master's or higher degree,  
53 completion of the subject area specialization requirements  
54 specified in state board rule and achievement of a passing score  
55 on the Florida-developed subject area examination or a  
56 standardized examination that is directly related to the subject  
57 specified in state board rule;

58 (g) Documentation of successful completion of a United  
59 States Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center  
60 program; ~~or~~

61 (h) Documentation of a passing score on the Defense  
62 Language Proficiency Test (DLPT); or-

63 (i) For a subject requiring only a baccalaureate degree  
64 for which a Florida subject area examination has been developed,  
65 documentation of receipt of a master's or higher degree from an  
66 accredited postsecondary educational institution that the

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67 Department of Education has identified as having a quality  
68 program resulting in a baccalaureate degree or higher in the  
69 certificate subject area as identified by state board rule.

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71 School districts are encouraged to provide mechanisms for middle  
72 grades teachers holding only a K-6 teaching certificate to  
73 obtain a subject area coverage for middle grades through  
74 postsecondary coursework or district add-on certification.

75 (6) MASTERY OF PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND EDUCATION  
76 COMPETENCE.—Acceptable means of demonstrating mastery of  
77 professional preparation and education competence are:

78 (f) Successful completion of professional preparation  
79 courses as specified in state board rule, successful completion  
80 of a professional preparation and education competence program  
81 pursuant to paragraph (8) (b), and documentation of 3 years of  
82 being rated effective or highly effective under s. 1012.34 while  
83 holding a temporary certificate ~~achievement of a passing score~~  
84 ~~on the professional education competency examination required by~~  
85 ~~state board rule;~~

86 Remove line 2862 and insert:

87 Section 29. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
88 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
89 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
90 2023.

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Remove lines 2552-2558 and insert:

Section 21. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
subsection (3), paragraphs (d), (g), and (h) of subsection (5),  
paragraph (f) of subsection (6), and paragraphs (d) and (e) of  
subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, are  
amended, and paragraph (i) is added to subsection (5) of that  
section, to