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Approval of Rules Relating to Teacher Recruitment

State Board of Education

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Four Rule Amendments to Promote Teacher Recruitment

- Rule 6A-5.066, F.A.C., Approval of Teacher Preparation Programs
- Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., Application Information
- Rule 6A-4.004, F.A.C., Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages
- Rule 6A-4.0051, F.A.C., Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate

These Amendments:

- Support the high-quality preparation of pre-service teachers.
- Ensure continued accountability for state-approved teacher preparation programs.
- Improve educator quality and student achievement.
- Continue to support schools and districts in recruiting and retaining educators for the classroom.
- Provide flexibility for pre-service educators.
- Amend the professional certificate renewal requirements for literacy in-service and educational leadership.
- Honor first responders.

Educator Preparation Rule Amendments

- The purpose of this amendment is to implement statutory changes outlined in House Bills 1537 and 7039 during the 2023 legislative session. The updates include:
 - Revisions to the Uniform Core Curricula (UCC);
 - Specifying reading instructional strategies that are grounded in the science of reading;
 - Use of state adopted, high-quality instructional materials in state-approved programs; and
 - Revisions to the Annual Program Performance Report.

Educator Certification Rule Amendments

- Creates a new five-year temporary certificate type for Teacher Internship.
- Waives the initial certification fees for retired first responders.
- Amends the professional certificate renewal requirements for literacy inservice and educational leadership.



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