



# Educator Quality

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# Legislation & Rule Development

**Chapter 2017-116 (House Bill 7069)**

# Legislative Updates

- House Bill 7069
  - Bill Text
    - <http://laws.flrules.org/2017/116>
- District Evaluation Systems
  - Memo DPS 2017-130
    - <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8103/dps-2017-130.pdf>

## Notices of Rule Development...

- Rule 6A-5.030, *District Instructional Personnel and School Administrator Evaluation Systems*
- Rule 6A-5.0411, *Calculations of Student Learning Growth for Use in School Personnel Evaluations*

## Changes Since VAM was Created

- Originally, the performance of students component of a teacher's evaluation was required to comprise at least 50% of the evaluation.
- In 2015, HB 7069 reduced this requirement to 1/3.
- From 2011-12 to 2014-15, districts were required to use VAM data for teachers who received scores, but could decide for themselves how to do so
- During 2015-16, districts were required to use the measures and performance level standards adopted by the State Board under Rule 6A-5.0411, FAC for teachers who received VAM scores
- In 2017, HB 7069 amended s. 1012.34, FS to make use of VAM data optional

## Legislative Updates

- Professional Development Systems
  - Memo DPS 2017-90
    - <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8085/dps-2017-90.pdf>
- Professional Development Certification Programs
  - Memo DPS 2017-89
    - <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8104/dps-2017-89.pdf>

## Legislative Updates

- Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program:  
*section 1012.731, F.S.*
- Best and Brightest Principal Scholarship Program:  
*section 1012.732, F.S.*
  - Memo DPS 2017-82
    - <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8000/dps-2017-82.pdf>

## Legislative Updates

- Schools of Excellence
  - Lists approved by the State Board of Education on October 18, 2017
    - <http://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings/2017/2017-10-18>
- Certification: *section 1012.56, F.S.*
  - Memo relating to certification items distributed on August 25, 2017
    - <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8024/dps-2017-95.pdf>



# Legislative Updates

## **Schools of Excellence: *section 1003.631, F.S.***

- Administrative flexibilities
  - Exemption from any provision of law or rule that expressly requires a minimum period of daily/weekly instruction in reading
  - Principal autonomy per s. 1012.28(8) \*\*
  - For instructional personnel, substitution of one year of employment at School of Excellence for 20 inservice points toward renewal of professional certificate (up to 60 points in 5-year cycle)
  - Exemption from compliance with district policies that establish times for start and completion of school day
  - Calculation for compliance with max class size based on average number of students at school level

## Legislative Updates

### **Schools of Excellence: *Administrative flexibilities***

- *Principal autonomy per s. 1012.28(8) \*\**
- Authority to select qualified instructional personnel for placement or to refuse to accept the placement or transfer of instructional personnel by the district school superintendent. Placement of instructional personnel at a participating school in a participating school district does not affect the employee's status as a school district employee.
- The authority to deploy financial resources to school programs at the principal's discretion to help improve student achievement, as defined in s. [1008.34\(1\)](#), a.
- To annually provide to the district school superintendent and the district school board a budget for the operation of the participating school that identifies how funds provided pursuant to s. [1011.69\(2\)](#) are allocated.

## Legislative Updates

- **Temporary Certificates and Statements of Status of Eligibility (SOEs)**
  - Temporary Certificate issued to qualifying applicant within 14 days of receipt of issue request
  - Electronic SOEs issued
  - 1 year extension to Temp Cert based on highly effective or effective rating based on student growth formula (currently VAM)
  - Completion of redesigned PDCP program and highly effective rating permit applicant to be exempt from passing the Pro Ed Test
  - Rule development 6A-4.004, F.A.C.



## Legislative Updates

- **Review of Certification Coverages and Endorsements**
  - Conduct review by July 1, 2018 (and at least once every five years)
  - Make recommendations to SBE regarding instructional and intervention strategies for reading
- **Renewal of a Professional Certificate**
  - Renewal credit for teaching at Schools of Excellence
  - Acceptable use of renewal credit
  - Two college credits (inservice equivalent) for specific coverages on Pro Cert beginning with validity date 7/1/2020
  - Rule development 6A-4.0051, F.A.C



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## Other Items of Interest

## Updates

- Annual Assurances of the Assignment of Teachers:  
*section 1012.2315, F.S.*
  - Memo DPS 2017-98
    - <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7998/dps-2017-98.pdf> (Memo)
    - <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7999/dps-2017-98a.pdf> (Attachment A)
- District Level II School Principal Preparation Program Plans – overdue
  - Section 1012.562, F.S., & Revised Rule 6A-5.082
  - Contact Pete Prato ([Pete.Prato@fldoe.org](mailto:Pete.Prato@fldoe.org)) for assistance



# Professional Development...

- Clinical Educator Training
  - One more “pilot” from what we have learned...
  - Spring 2018
- Professional Development System Evaluation Protocol
  - 3-pilot districts
  - Professional Learning Cycles (using PLCs)
  - Review of Standards
  - Revise Protocols
  - Propose Rule Revisions for 6A-5.071, FAC



## Qualified Instructional Personnel

- Revise Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC
  - Compile all instructional personnel qualification options authorized by Florida Statutes into single rule (1012.42)
  - Redraft verbiage as necessary to clarify each qualification option
  - Insert language to more effectively implement notifications regarding out-of-field teachers required of school districts
  - Schedule rule development workshop(s)





# New Certification System Launches November 2017

## **Educators**

- New online accounts
- Online renewal via school districts
- Document upload and viewing

## **Districts**

- Common applications
- Improved record keeping
- Quick information retrieval

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/versa.shtml>



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