A bill to be entitled
An act relating to qualifications for educational interpreters; creating s. 1012.441, F.S.; requiring
the State Board of Education to adopt standards for educational interpreters; requiring school districts
to notify parents if an individual assigned to provide interpreter services for their students does not meet
such standards; requiring school districts to report to the Department of Education, for publication on its
website, certain information regarding individuals providing interpreter services; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1012.441, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1012.441 Qualifications for educational interpreters.—
(1) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule
standards for educational interpreters. An educational interpreter is an individual who facilitates direct instruction
by professionals and directs communication between students who are deaf or hard of hearing and their peers as designated in
each student's individual education plan or 504 accommodation plan. The standards must include interpreter assessments,
including both written and performance assessments, offered by a
national organization of professional sign language interpreters and transliterators.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2017, each school district shall:

(a) Notify a parent in writing if an individual assigned to provide interpreter services for his or her student, in accordance with the student's individual education plan or 504 accommodation plan, does not meet the educational interpreter standards established in state board rule.

(b) Report to the Department of Education, for publication on its website, the total number of individuals providing interpreter services in the district and the total number of such individuals who meet the educational interpreter standards established in state board rule.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.