

26 information to the Department of Education by
 27 specified dates of each school year; amending s.
 28 943.082, F.S.; requiring the mobile suspicious
 29 activity reporting tool to be integrated into schools'
 30 curriculum at least once per academic year; providing
 31 requirements for such instruction; amending s. 985.04,
 32 F.S.; requiring the superintendent of schools to
 33 notify specified chiefs of police or public safety
 34 directors of certain postsecondary institutions of
 35 specified alleged acts by children dual enrolled at
 36 such institutions; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.;
 37 requiring the Office of Safe Schools to develop and
 38 adopt a specified report relating to compliance and
 39 noncompliance with school safety requirements by a
 40 specified date; requiring the office to provide such
 41 report to specified persons; requiring the office to
 42 conduct specified inspections triennially and
 43 investigate certain noncompliance; providing
 44 requirements for the provision of specified
 45 information from such inspections and investigations;
 46 requiring the office to provide certain quarterly
 47 reports to specified persons; requiring the office to
 48 provide bonuses to certain persons who comply with
 49 specified requirements; requiring the office to refer
 50 certain personnel to specified persons or the

51 Department of Education; requiring the office to
 52 notify specified personnel electronically of certain
 53 requirements; requiring the office to recommend a
 54 methodology to distribute the safe schools allocation
 55 by a specified date; providing requirements for such
 56 recommendation; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring
 57 schools, including charter schools, to maintain a
 58 specified record relating to certain drills; providing
 59 that certain school safety specialist duties are in
 60 conjunction with the district school superintendent;
 61 requiring school safety specialists to conduct
 62 specified annual inspections, investigate specified
 63 reports of noncompliance, and report certain
 64 noncompliance and violations to specified individuals,
 65 the district school board, and the office; requiring
 66 school districts and charter school governing boards
 67 to comply with certain school safety requirements by a
 68 specified date; providing that certain personnel are
 69 subject to specified disciplinary measures for certain
 70 violations; providing reporting requirements for
 71 violations of certain school safety requirements;
 72 amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; requiring specified
 73 agreements relating to school resource officers to
 74 identify the entity responsible for maintaining
 75 specified records; providing requirements before the

76 appointment of a school guardian; requiring the
 77 Department of Education to provide certain information
 78 to the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring county
 79 sheriffs and the office to be notified when a safe-
 80 school officer separates from his or her appointment;
 81 amending s. 1012.795, F.S.; providing that school
 82 administrators are subject to disciplinary measures by
 83 the Education Practices Commission for certain
 84 violations; subject to legislative appropriation,
 85 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide
 86 grants to sheriffs' offices and law enforcement
 87 agencies for specified purposes relating to school
 88 safety in private schools; providing requirements for
 89 such grants; requiring the Department of Law
 90 Enforcement to develop a specified form and provide
 91 such form to grant recipients; providing an effective
 92 date.

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

96 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section
 97 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

98 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

99 (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or
 100 by deputy, shall:

101 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school
 102 governing boards in complying with, or private schools in
 103 exercising options in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must, at a minimum,
 104 provide access to a Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 105 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or
 106 abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises, as
 107 required under this paragraph. Persons certified as school
 108 guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no authority to act in
 109 any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to
 110 prevent or abate an active assailant incident.

111 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to
 112 implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall
 113 establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to
 114 subparagraph 2., to school district, charter school, or private
 115 school employees, either directly or through a contract with
 116 another sheriff's office that has established a guardian
 117 program.

118 b. A charter school governing board in a school district
 119 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian
 120 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a
 121 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school
 122 employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter
 123 school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has
 124 established a guardian program to provide such training. The
 125 charter school governing board must notify the superintendent

126 and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract
127 prior to its execution.

128 c. A private school in a school district that has not
129 voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian program may
130 request that the sheriff in the county of the private school
131 establish a guardian program for the purpose of training private
132 school employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the
133 private school may contract with a sheriff from another county
134 who has established a guardian program to provide such training.
135 The private school must notify the sheriff in the private
136 school's county of the contract with a sheriff from another
137 county before its execution. The private school is responsible
138 for all training and screening-related costs for a school
139 guardian program. The sheriff providing such training must
140 ensure that any moneys paid by a private school are not
141 commingled with any funds provided by the state to the sheriff
142 as reimbursement for screening-related and training-related
143 costs of any school district or charter school employee.

144 d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.
145 is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff
146 providing such training shall adhere to the course of
147 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This
148 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing
149 additional training. A school guardian who has completed the
150 training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b. may not be

151 required to attend another sheriff's training program pursuant
 152 to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least a 1-year
 153 break in his or her appointment ~~employment~~ as a guardian.

154 e. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to
 155 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees
 156 will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related
 157 costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each
 158 school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

159 f. The sheriff may waive the training and screening-
 160 related costs for a private school for a school guardian
 161 program. Funds provided pursuant to sub-subparagraph e. may not
 162 be used to subsidize any costs that have been waived by the
 163 sheriff.

164 g. A person who is certified under the Florida Criminal
 165 Justice Standards and Training Commission, who meets the
 166 qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who is otherwise
 167 qualified for the position of a school guardian may be certified
 168 as a school guardian by the sheriff without completing the
 169 training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b. However, a person
 170 certified as a school guardian under this sub-subparagraph must
 171 meet the requirements of sub-subparagraphs 2.c.-e.

172 2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with
 173 the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding
 174 principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as
 175 school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees,

176 as specified in s. 1006.12(3), who:

177 a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06.

178 b. Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12

179 hours of certified nationally recognized diversity training and

180 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and proficiency

181 training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and Training

182 Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

183 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the

184 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law

185 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least

186 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than

187 associated with academy training. Program participants must

188 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

189 (II) Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

190 (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction

191 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

192 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or

193 assailant scenarios.

194 (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

195 (VI) Four hours of instruction in legal issues.

196 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a

197 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the

198 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the

199 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law

200 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with

201 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
 202 paragraph.

203 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
 204 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
 205 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

206 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
 207 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
 208 basis.

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 210 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the
 211 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.
 212 shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons ~~individuals~~
 213 who meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of
 214 the sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and
 215 equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,
 216 inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian
 217 certified by the sheriff. A person ~~An individual~~ who is
 218 certified under this paragraph may serve as a school guardian
 219 under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or she is appointed by the
 220 applicable school district superintendent, charter school
 221 principal, or private school head of school.

222 3.a.(I) Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian
 223 certificate, the sheriff who issued the certificate must report
 224 to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth,
 225 and certification date of the school guardian.

226 (II) By September 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a
 227 school guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law
 228 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of
 229 each school guardian who received a certificate from the
 230 sheriff.

231 b.(I) By February 1 and September 1 of each school year,
 232 each school district, charter school, and private school must
 233 report to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of
 234 birth, and appointment date of each person appointed as a school
 235 guardian. The school district, charter school, and private
 236 school must also report to the Department of Law Enforcement the
 237 date such person separates from his or her appointment as a
 238 school guardian.

239 (II) By September 1, 2024, each school district, charter
 240 school, and private school must report to the Department of Law
 241 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and appointment date of
 242 each person appointed as a school guardian. Within 30 days after
 243 a school guardian separates from his or her appointment, the
 244 school district, charter school, and private school must report
 245 to the Department of Law Enforcement the date such person
 246 separated from his or her appointment as a school guardian.

247 c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list
 248 of each person appointed as a school guardian in the state. The
 249 list must include the name and certification date of each school
 250 guardian and the date the person was appointed as a school

251 guardian, including the name of the school district, charter
 252 school, or private school in which the school guardian is
 253 appointed, any information provided pursuant to s. 1006.12(5),
 254 and, if applicable, the date such person separated from his or
 255 her appointment as a school guardian. The Department of Law
 256 Enforcement shall remove from the list any person whose training
 257 has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph 1.d.

258 d. Each sheriff must report on a quarterly basis to the
 259 Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming school
 260 guardian trainings, including the dates of the training, the
 261 training locations, a contact person to register for the
 262 training, and the class capacity. The Department of Law
 263 Enforcement shall publish on its website a list of the upcoming
 264 school guardian trainings. The Department of Law Enforcement
 265 must update such list quarterly.

266 e. A sheriff who fails to report the information required
 267 by this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement from the
 268 Department of Education for school guardian trainings. Upon the
 269 submission of the required information, a sheriff is deemed
 270 eligible for such funding and is authorized to continue to
 271 receive reimbursement for school guardian training.

272 f. A school district, charter school, or private school
 273 that fails to report the information required by this
 274 subparagraph may not operate a school guardian program for the
 275 following school year. Upon the submission of the required

276 information, the school district, charter school, or private
277 school is authorized to resume operation of the school guardian
278 program.

279 g. By March 1 and October 1 of each school year, the
280 Department of Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of
281 Education of any sheriff, school district, charter school, or
282 private school that has not complied with the reporting
283 requirements of this subparagraph.

284 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
285 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

286 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

287 (4)

288 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the
289 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on
290 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,
291 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile
292 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on
293 all computer devices issued to students. Each school principal
294 must integrate the use of the mobile suspicious activity
295 reporting tool within the school's curriculum a minimum of once
296 per academic year. The instruction must be age and
297 developmentally appropriate and include the consequences for
298 making a threat or false report, as described in ss. 790.162 and
299 790.163, respectively, involving school or school personnel's
300 property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

301 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 302 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

303 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.—

304 (4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
 305 section, when a child of any age is taken into custody by a law
 306 enforcement officer for an offense that would have been a felony
 307 if committed by an adult, or a crime of violence, the law
 308 enforcement agency must notify the superintendent of schools
 309 that the child is alleged to have committed the delinquent act.
 310 If the child is a dual enrolled student at a postsecondary
 311 institution, the superintendent of schools must notify the chief
 312 of police or the public safety director of the postsecondary
 313 institution at which the student is dual enrolled within 24
 314 hours after receiving such notification.

315 Section 4. Subsection (14) of section 1001.212, Florida
 316 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (17) and (18) are added to
 317 that section, to read:

318 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
 319 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
 320 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
 321 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
 322 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
 323 regarding school safety and security, including prevention
 324 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
 325 planning. The office shall:

326 (14) (a) By August 1, 2024, develop and adopt a Florida
327 school safety compliance inspection report to document
328 compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements
329 mandated by law or rule and adherence to established school
330 safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and
331 emergency response of the school. Upon the adoption of the
332 report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall
333 provide a blank copy of the report to each district school
334 superintendent and charter school administrator.

335 (b) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to
336 school safety by school districts and public schools, including
337 charter schools. The office shall conduct unannounced
338 inspections of all public schools, including charter schools,
339 while school is in session, triennially and investigate reports
340 of noncompliance with school safety requirements. Within 3
341 school days after the unannounced inspection, the office shall
342 provide a copy of the completed Florida school safety compliance
343 inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence
344 of noncompliance, to the school safety specialist and the school
345 principal or charter school administrator, as appropriate. The
346 school principal or charter school administrator shall
347 acknowledge receipt of the report in writing within 1 school day
348 after receipt. The school safety specialist shall inform the
349 district school superintendent of any schools in the district,
350 including charter schools, with documented noncompliance. The

351 office shall reinspect any school with documented deficiencies
 352 within 6 months. The school principal or charter school
 353 administrator, or his or her designee, must provide the office
 354 with written notice of how the noncompliance with s.
 355 1006.07(6)(f) has been remediated within 3 school days after
 356 receipt of the report.

357 (c) Provide quarterly reports to each district school
 358 superintendent and school safety specialist identifying the
 359 number and percentage of schools, including charter schools,
 360 inspected or reinspected during that quarter and the number and
 361 percentage of inspected schools that had no school safety
 362 requirement deficiencies. The school safety specialist shall
 363 present each quarterly report to the district school board in a
 364 public meeting. Annually, during the first quarter of every
 365 school year, the school safety specialist shall report to the
 366 district school board in a public meeting the number of schools
 367 inspected during the preceding calendar year and the number and
 368 percentage of schools in compliance during the initial
 369 inspection and reinspection.

370 (d) Provide a bonus in an amount determined in the General
 371 Appropriations Act, at the conclusion of the initial unannounced
 372 inspection conducted during the triennial period, to the school
 373 principal or charter school administrator of each school that
 374 complies with all school safety requirements.

375 (e)1. Refer any instructional personnel as defined in s.

376 | 1012.01(2) who knowingly violate s. 1006.07(6)(f) to the
 377 | district school superintendent or charter school administrator,
 378 | as applicable, for disciplinary action if such action has not
 379 | already been commenced by the district school superintendent or
 380 | charter school administrator upon receipt of the Florida school
 381 | safety compliance inspection report. The district school
 382 | superintendent or charter school administrator must notify the
 383 | office of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings within 3
 384 | school days after the conclusion of the proceedings.

385 | 2. Refer any administrative personnel as defined in s.
 386 | 1012.01(3) who knowingly permitted a violation of s.
 387 | 1006.07(6)(f) to the department pursuant to s. 1012.796.

388 | 3. Maintain a record of any administrative personnel or
 389 | instructional personnel who unknowingly violated s.
 390 | 1006.07(6)(f), and may use such information when making any
 391 | subsequent determinations of an alleged violation by the same
 392 | person.

393 | (17) Annually, at the beginning of the school year, notify
 394 | all administrative and instructional personnel by electronic
 395 | mail of the requirements of s. 1006.07(6)(f).

396 | (18) By December 1, 2024, recommend a methodology to
 397 | distribute the safe schools allocation under s. 1011.62(12)
 398 | based upon the number and severity of incidents reported
 399 | pursuant to s. 1006.07(9) and each school district's
 400 | proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time

401 equivalent student enrollment ~~report incidents of noncompliance~~
 402 ~~to the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and the state~~
 403 ~~board pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of law, as~~
 404 ~~appropriate.~~

405 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and paragraph
 406 (a) of subsection (6) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are
 407 amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of that
 408 section, to read:

409 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
 410 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
 411 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
 412 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
 413 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
 414 welfare of students, including:

415 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

416 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in
 417 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for
 418 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not
 419 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active assailant and
 420 hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and
 421 faculty at all public schools of the district composed of grades
 422 K-12, pursuant to State Board of Education rules. Drills for
 423 active assailant and hostage situations must be conducted in
 424 accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate
 425 procedures, as specified in State Board of Education rules. Law

426 enforcement officers responsible for responding to the school in
 427 the event of an active assailant emergency, as determined
 428 necessary by the sheriff in coordination with the district's
 429 school safety specialist, must be physically present on campus
 430 and directly involved in the execution of active assailant
 431 emergency drills. School districts must notify law enforcement
 432 officers at least 24 hours before conducting an active assailant
 433 emergency drill at which such law enforcement officers are
 434 expected to attend. Each school, including charter schools, must
 435 maintain a record that is accessible on each campus or by
 436 request of the Office of Safe Schools of all current school year
 437 and prior school year drills conducted pursuant to this
 438 subsection, including the names of law enforcement personnel
 439 present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.
 440 District school board policies must include commonly used alarm
 441 system responses for specific types of emergencies and
 442 verification by each school that drills have been provided as
 443 required by law, State Board of Education rules, and fire
 444 protection codes and may provide accommodations for drills
 445 conducted by exceptional student education centers. District
 446 school boards shall establish emergency response and emergency
 447 preparedness policies and procedures that include, but are not
 448 limited to, identifying the individuals responsible for
 449 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the
 450 emergency response agency responsible for notifying the school

451 district for each type of emergency. The State Board of
452 Education shall refer to recommendations provided in reports
453 published pursuant to s. 943.687 for guidance and, by August 1,
454 2023, consult with state and local constituencies to adopt rules
455 applicable to the requirements of this subsection which, at a
456 minimum, define the terms "emergency drill," "active threat,"
457 and "after-action report" and establish minimum emergency drill
458 policies and procedures related to the timing, frequency,
459 participation, training, notification, accommodations, and
460 responses to threat situations by incident type, school level,
461 school type, and student and school characteristics. The rules
462 must require all types of emergency drills to be conducted no
463 less frequently than on an annual school year basis.

464 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district
465 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures
466 for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the
467 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior
468 poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

469 (a) School safety specialist.—Each district school
470 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for
471 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school
472 administrator employed by the school district or a law
473 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in
474 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated
475 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved

476 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school
477 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains
478 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,
479 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized
480 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's
481 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine
482 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the
483 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer
484 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must
485 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist
486 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year
487 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and
488 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,
489 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school
490 safety specialist shall:

491 1. In conjunction with the district school superintendent,
492 annually review school district policies and procedures for
493 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's
494 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety
495 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).
496 At least quarterly, the school safety specialist must report to
497 the district school superintendent and the district school board
498 any noncompliance by the school district with laws or rules
499 regarding school safety.

500 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to

501 students and school district staff in matters relating to youth
 502 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures,
 503 including active shooter training; and school safety and
 504 security.

505 3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public
 506 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and
 507 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

508 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety
 509 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of
 510 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each
 511 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
 512 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
 513 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's
 514 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the
 515 district school superintendent and the district school board
 516 which identify strategies and activities that the district
 517 school board should implement in order to address the findings
 518 and improve school safety and security. Each district school
 519 board must receive such findings and the school safety
 520 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district
 521 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to
 522 hear the district school board members discuss and take action
 523 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety
 524 specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall
 525 report such findings and school board action to the Office of

526 Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board
 527 meeting.

528 5. Conduct annual unannounced inspections of all public
 529 schools while school is in session and investigate reports of
 530 noncompliance with school safety requirements.

531 6. Report violations of paragraph (f) by administrative
 532 personnel and instructional personnel to the district school
 533 superintendent or charter school administrator, as applicable,
 534 and the Office of Safe Schools.

535 (f) School safety requirements.-

536 1. By August 1, 2024, each school district and charter
 537 school governing board shall comply with the following school
 538 safety requirements:

539 a. All gates or other access points that restrict ingress
 540 to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked
 541 when students are on campus. A gate or other campus access point
 542 may not be open or unlocked, unless attended or actively staffed
 543 by a person when students are on campus, regardless of whether
 544 it is during normal school hours, or the school safety
 545 specialist has determined in writing and notified the Office of
 546 Safe Schools that the open and unlocked gate or other access
 547 point is not a threat to school safety based upon other school
 548 safety measures. The office may conduct a compliance visit
 549 pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is
 550 appropriate.

551 b. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
552 must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students,
553 except between class periods when students are moving between
554 classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or
555 other instructional space door must be left unlocked or open for
556 any reason other than between class periods when students are
557 moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the
558 door must be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at
559 the door.

560 c. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points
561 that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall
562 remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless
563 a person is actively entering or exiting the door, gate, or
564 other access point or the school safety specialist has
565 determined in writing and notified the Office of Safe Schools
566 that the open and unlocked door, gate, or other access point is
567 not a threat to school safety based upon other school safety
568 measures. The office may conduct a compliance visit pursuant to
569 s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is appropriate.
570 All campus access doors, gates, and other access points may be
571 electronically or manually controlled by school personnel to
572 allow access by authorized visitors, students, and school
573 personnel.

574 d. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
575 must clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each

576 classroom or other instructional space where students must
 577 shelter in place during an emergency. Students must be notified
 578 of these safe areas within the first 5 days of the school year.
 579 If it is not feasible to clearly and conspicuously mark the
 580 safest areas in a classroom or other instructional space, the
 581 school safety specialist or his or her designee must document
 582 such determination in writing, identify where affected students
 583 must shelter in place, and notify the Office of Safe Schools.
 584 The office shall assist the school safety specialist with
 585 compliance during the inspection required under s. 1001.212(14).

586 2. Administrative personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(3)
 587 who knowingly violate the requirements of this paragraph are
 588 subject to disciplinary measures under ss. 1012.795 and
 589 1012.796.

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 591 Persons who are aware of a violation of this paragraph must
 592 report the violation to the school principal. The school
 593 principal must report the violation to the school safety
 594 specialist no later than the next business day after receiving
 595 such report. If the person who violated this paragraph is the
 596 school principal or charter school administrator, the report
 597 must be made directly to the district school superintendent or
 598 charter school governing board, as applicable.

599 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections
 600 (3) and (5) of section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to

601 read:

602 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
 603 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
 604 students, and visitors, each district school board and school
 605 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
 606 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
 607 safe-school officers at each school facility within the
 608 district, including charter schools. A district school board
 609 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
 610 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
 611 options available under this section. The school district may
 612 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)-(4)
 613 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter
 614 schools.

615 (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may
 616 establish school resource officer programs through a cooperative
 617 agreement with law enforcement agencies.

618 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district
 619 school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate
 620 activities through the school principal, but shall be
 621 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters
 622 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district
 623 school board and a law enforcement agency. The agreements shall
 624 identify the entity responsible for maintaining records relating
 625 to training. Activities conducted by the school resource officer

626 | which are part of the regular instructional program of the
 627 | school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

628 | (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

629 | (a) At the school district's or the charter school
 630 | governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.
 631 | 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may
 632 | participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 633 | Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of
 634 | establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals
 635 | may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned
 636 | activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory
 637 | completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and
 638 | certification by a sheriff:

639 | 1.~~(a)~~ A school district employee or personnel, as defined
 640 | under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided
 641 | under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school
 642 | guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

643 | 2.~~(b)~~ An employee of a school district or a charter school
 644 | who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school
 645 | guardian.

646 | (b) Before appointing an individual as a school guardian,
 647 | the school district or charter school shall contact the
 648 | Department of Law Enforcement and review all information
 649 | maintained under s. 30.15(1)(k)3.c. related to the individual.

650 | (c) The department shall provide to the Department of Law

651 Enforcement any information relating to a school guardian
 652 received pursuant to subsection (5).

653 (5) NOTIFICATION.—The district school superintendent or
 654 charter school administrator, or a respective designee, shall
 655 notify the county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools
 656 immediately after, but no later than 72 hours after:

657 (a) A safe-school officer is dismissed for misconduct or
 658 is otherwise disciplined.

659 (b) A safe-school officer discharges his or her firearm in
 660 the exercise of the safe-school officer's duties, other than for
 661 training purposes.

662 (c) A safe-school officer separates from his or her
 663 appointment.

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 665 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
 666 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
 667 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school
 668 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety
 669 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the
 670 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource
 671 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school
 672 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.
 673 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

674 Section 7. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (1) of
 675 section 1012.795, Florida Statutes, to read:

676 1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to
 677 discipline.—

678 (1) The Education Practices Commission may suspend the
 679 educator certificate of any instructional personnel or school
 680 administrator, as defined in s. 1012.01(2) or (3), for up to 5
 681 years, thereby denying that person the right to teach or
 682 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public
 683 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students
 684 for that period of time, after which the person may return to
 685 teaching as provided in subsection (4); may revoke the educator
 686 certificate of any person, thereby denying that person the right
 687 to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or
 688 public school in any capacity requiring direct contact with
 689 students for up to 10 years, with reinstatement subject to
 690 subsection (4); may permanently revoke the educator certificate
 691 of any person thereby denying that person the right to teach or
 692 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public
 693 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students;
 694 may suspend a person's educator certificate, upon an order of
 695 the court or notice by the Department of Revenue relating to the
 696 payment of child support; may direct the department to place a
 697 certificateholder employed by a public school, charter school,
 698 charter school governing board, or private school that
 699 participates in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002
 700 on the disqualification list maintained by the department

701 pursuant to s. 1001.10(4)(b) for misconduct that would render
 702 the person ineligible pursuant to s. 1012.315 or sexual
 703 misconduct with a student; or may impose any other penalty
 704 provided by law, if the person:

705 (q) Is a school administrator who knowingly violated the
 706 school safety requirements under s. 1006.07(6)(f).

707 Section 8. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year and subject to
 708 legislative appropriation, the Department of Law Enforcement
 709 shall provide grants to sheriffs' offices and law enforcement
 710 agencies to conduct physical site security assessments for and
 711 provide reports to private schools with recommendations on
 712 improving such schools' infrastructure safety and security; to
 713 assist private schools in developing active assailant response
 714 protocols and develop and implement training relating to active
 715 assailant responses, including active assailant response drills
 716 for students and school personnel; and to consult with or
 717 provide guidance to private schools in implementing a threat
 718 management program similar to the program required under s.
 719 1001.212(12), Florida Statutes, for public schools. The
 720 Department of Law Enforcement shall develop a site security
 721 assessment form for use by sheriffs' offices and law enforcement
 722 agencies and provide the form, including any subsequent
 723 revisions, to the recipient of funds in conducting the duties
 724 outlined in this section. Grants awarded under this section may
 725 be used for personnel costs and to purchase software and other

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726 items necessary to assist private schools. The Department of Law
727 Enforcement shall establish the requirements for awarding grants
728 under this section through an open, competitive process. Grants
729 must be awarded no later than October 1, 2024.

730 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.