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# **Education & Employment Committee**

**February 14, 2024**

**Action Packet**

**Paul Renner  
Speaker**

**Ralph Massullo  
Chair**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Education & Employment Committee**

**2/14/2024 9:00AM**

**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**Summary:**

**Education & Employment Committee**

*Wednesday February 14, 2024 09:00 am*

CS/HB 537	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 17	Nays: 0
Amendment 843331	Adopted Without Objection		
CS/HB 767	Favorable	Yeas: 16	Nays: 1
PCS for CS/HB 917	Favorable With Amendment(s)	Yeas: 17	Nays: 0
Amendment PCS for CSHB 917 a1	Adopted Without Objection		
HB 1109	Favorable	Yeas: 18	Nays: 0
CS/HB 1169	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 18	Nays: 0
Amendment 329063	Adopted Without Objection		
CS/HB 1473	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 17	Nays: 0
Amendment 190621	Adopted Without Objection		
CS/HB 7051	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 17	Nays: 0
Amendment 531995	Adopted Without Objection		

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**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X		
Douglas Bankson	X		
Melony Bell	X		
Jennifer Canady	X		
Kimberly Daniels			X
Tiffany Esposito	X		
Randy Fine	X		
Gallop Franklin II	X		
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X		
Traci Koster	X		
Stan McClain	X		
Lauren Melo	X		
Alex Rizo	X		
Dana Trabulsy	X		
Chase Tramont	X		
Kaylee Tuck	X		
Susan Valdés	X		
Katherine Waldron	X		
Patricia Williams	X		
Marie Woodson	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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**CS/HB 537 : Student Achievement**

*Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady	X				
Kimberly Daniels			X		
Tiffany Esposito			X		
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo			X		
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 17</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**CS/HB 537 Amendments**

**Amendment 843331**

*Adopted Without Objection*

**Appearances:**

Herndon, Matt (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support  
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**CS/HB 537 : Student Achievement (continued)**

**Appearances: (continued)**

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Mazzola, Karen - Waive In Support

Florida PTA

VP of Educational Development

1747 Orlando Central Parkway

Orlando Florida 32809

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Briggs, Edward - Waive In Support

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ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

*Adopted  
without  
objection  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
2 Committee

3 Representative Valdés offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 152-205 and insert:

7 Section 5. Section 1003.482, Florida Statutes, is created  
8 to read:

9 1003.482 mSCALES Pilot Program.-

10 (1)(a) The Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate  
 11 Learner Engagement and Success (mSCALES) Pilot Program is  
 12 created within the Department of Education. The purpose of the  
 13 pilot program is to assist districts in adopting music-based  
 14 supplemental materials that support STEM courses for middle  
 15 school students.

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16 (b) The music-based supplemental materials must be used by  
17 teachers who are certified to teach mathematics pursuant to s.  
18 1012.55(1)(c). The supplemental materials must be used at a  
19 minimum twice per week to supplement mathematics instruction.

20 (c) Classes that use the supplemental materials are  
21 subject to the class size requirements of s. 1003.03.

22 (d) The school districts in Alachua, Marion, and Miami-  
23 Dade Counties are eligible to participate in the pilot program.  
24 District school superintendents may contact the Department of  
25 Education, in a format prescribed by the department, for their  
26 district to participate in the pilot program. Subject to  
27 legislative appropriation, the department may approve a school  
28 district to participate in the pilot program if sufficient  
29 funding is available.

30 (e) Participating school districts shall receive \$6 per  
31 student. Eligible middle schools must be in the same attendance  
32 zone as an elementary school that participated in the Early  
33 Childhood Music Education Incentive Program.

34 (f) To maintain eligibility for the pilot program, a  
35 participating school district must annually certify to the  
36 department, in a format prescribed by the department, that each  
37 participating middle school within the district meets the  
38 requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c).

39 (2)(a) The College of Education at the University of  
40 Florida shall continuously evaluate the program's effectiveness.

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41 The College of Education must annually share the findings of its  
42 evaluations with the department and the Legislature.

43 (b) The College of Education at the University of Florida  
44 shall prepare a comprehensive final report of the program's  
45 overall effectiveness. The report must be presented, no later  
46 than October 1, 2026, to the department, the Legislature, and  
47 the Florida Center for Partnerships in Arts-Integrated Teaching.

48 (3) This section expires June 30, 2026.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

51  
52 Remove lines 9-24 and insert:  
53 by the act; creating s. 1003.482, F.S.; creating the  
54 Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate Learner  
55 Engagement and Success (mSCALES) Pilot Program within  
56 the Department of Education; providing the purpose of  
57 the pilot program; providing requirements for the  
58 pilot program; providing eligibility; authorizing  
59 district school superintendents to contact the  
60 department for their district to participate in the  
61 pilot program; providing funding requirements, subject  
62 to legislative appropriation; requiring participating  
63 school districts to maintain eligibility; requiring  
64 the College of Education at the University of Florida  
65 to evaluate the pilot program's effectiveness and

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66 | annually share its findings with the department and  
67 | the Legislature; requiring the college to submit a  
68 | final report to specified entities by a specified  
69 | date; providing for expiration of the pilot program;  
70 | providing an

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**CS/HB 767 : Resident Status for Tuition Purposes**

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady	X				
Kimberly Daniels			X		
Tiffany Esposito			X		
Randy Fine		X			
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo			X		
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 16</b>		<b>Total Nays: 1</b>			

**Appearances:**

Massey, Sarah Katherine (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support  
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Mazzola, Karen - Waive In Support  
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**PCS for CS/HB 917 : Career and Technical Education**

*Favorable With Amendment(s)*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady	X				
Kimberly Daniels			X		
Tiffany Esposito	X				
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo			X		
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck			X		
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 17</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**PCS for CS/HB 917 Amendments**

**Amendment PCS for CSHB 917 a1**

*Adopted Without Objection*

**Appearances:**

Mears, Ashton (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support  
 Florida Home Builders Assoc  
 Director of Government Affairs  
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Bowen, Carol (Lobbyist) - Proponent  
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**PCS for CS/HB 917 : Career and Technical Education (continued)**

**Appearances: (continued)**

Munoz, Laura - Opponent  
FL Student Power

Huddleston, Cindy (General Public) - Opponent  
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Junecko, Jim - Opponent  
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Tampa Florida 33629  
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Ellingwood, Jon - Opponent  
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Mazzola, Karen - Waive In Opposition  
Florida PTA  
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Stranburg, Christopher (Lobbyist) (Lobbyist Appearance Form Submitted) - Waive In Support  
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Briggs, Edward (Lobbyist) (Lobbyist Appearance Form Submitted) - Waive In Support  
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Briggs, Edward (Lobbyist) (Lobbyist Appearance Form Submitted) - Waive In Support  
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**PCS for CS/HB 917 : Career and Technical Education (continued)**

**Appearances: (continued)**

Shepp, David (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support

Independent Electrical Contractors

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Vilorio, Yenisbel (Lobbyist) - Waive In Opposition

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

*Adopted  
without  
objection  
2/14/24*

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
2 Committee

3 Representative Snyder offered the following:

4  
5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 27 and 28, insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (3) of  
8 section 14.36, Florida Statutes, to read:

9 14.36 Reimagining Education and Career Help Act.—The  
10 Reimagining Education and Career Help Act is created to address  
11 the evolving needs of Florida's economy by increasing the level  
12 of collaboration and cooperation among state businesses and  
13 education communities while improving training within and equity  
14 and access to a more integrated workforce and education system  
15 for all Floridians.

16 (3) The duties of the office are to:

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17 (1) Coordinate with the Department of Education, the  
18 Department of Commerce, and CareerSource Florida, Inc., to  
19 publish and disseminate, by March 1, 2025, a statewide asset map  
20 of career and technical education to inform workforce and  
21 industry partners of opportunities to partner and expand career  
22 and technical education in the state. The information must be  
23 disseminated in a user-friendly form and must:

24 1. List secondary career and technical education courses  
25 offered by each school district in the state categorized by  
26 career cluster, school, grade level, and the number of students  
27 enrolled.

28 2. Identify the total amount of funding provided for the  
29 secondary career and technical education programs offered by  
30 each school district in the state.

31 3. Compare existing secondary career and technical  
32 education program offerings with data on in-demand careers and  
33 the state's economic needs to identify industry opportunities in  
34 which increased program offerings would support state and local  
35 needs.

36 4. List career dual enrollment programs offered in each  
37 school district in the state categorized by program type,  
38 offering location, and the number of students enrolled. The list  
39 must indicate the credential earned upon completion of the  
40 program and if the credential is part of a sequence as

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41 identified by the Credentials Review Committee pursuant to s.  
42 445.004(4).

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Between lines 2 and 3, insert:

47

amending s. 14.36, F.S.; revising the duties of the Office

48

of Reimagining Education and Career Help; requiring the office,

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in coordination with specified entities, to publish and

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disseminate specified career and technical education information

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by a specified date;



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**HB 1109 : Security for Jewish Day Schools and Preschools**

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady			X		
Kimberly Daniels			X		
Tiffany Esposito	X				
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo	X				
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 18</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**Appearances:**

Bishop, Barney (Lobbyist) (Lobbyist Appearance Form Submitted) - Waive In Support  
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**CS/HB 1169 : Coordinated Systems of Care for Children**

*Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady			X		
Kimberly Daniels			X		
Tiffany Esposito	X				
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo	X				
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 18</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**CS/HB 1169 Amendments**

**Amendment 329063**

*Adopted Without Objection*

**Appearances:**

Bishop, Barney (Lobbyist) (Lobbyist Appearance Form Submitted) - Waive In Support

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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)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
2 Committee

3 Representative Redondo offered the following:

4  
5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 1006.05, Florida Statutes, is created  
8 to read:

9 1006.05 Mental health coordinated system of care.-

10 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "care  
11 coordinator" means a person who is responsible for participating  
12 in the development and implementation of a services plan,  
13 linking service providers to a child or adolescent and his or  
14 her family, monitoring the delivery of services, providing  
15 advocacy, collecting information to determine the effect of

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16 services and treatment, and performing care coordination as  
17 defined in s. 394.4573(1).

18 (2) Pursuant to s. 394.491 and to further promote the  
19 effective implementation of a coordinated system of care  
20 pursuant to ss. 394.4573 and 394.495, each school district that  
21 provides mental health assessment, diagnosis, intervention,  
22 treatment, and recovery services to students diagnosed with one  
23 or more mental health or any co-occurring substance use disorder  
24 and students at high risk of such diagnoses must be guided by  
25 and adhere to the guiding principles of the mental health  
26 treatment and support system as provided under s. 394.491.

27 (3)(a) School districts shall contract with managing  
28 entities to provide care coordinators for students with complex  
29 behavioral health needs who continue to experience adverse  
30 outcomes due to unmet needs or an inability to engage.

31 (b) A care coordinator provided by the managing entity  
32 must be placed in each school district implementing a  
33 coordinated system of care to ensure that students are receiving  
34 necessary services and that appropriate funds are being used to  
35 support the cost of treatment, including all available public  
36 and private health insurance funds, before school-based mental  
37 health treatment and support system funding is accessed to  
38 purchase community-based services.

39 (c) When a student is identified as having experienced an  
40 involuntary admission to an acute psychiatric care facility,

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41 school districts must address recommendations from the care  
42 coordinator provided by the managing entity upon the return of  
43 the student to the school setting.

44 (4)(a) Pursuant to s. 394.494, each school district shall  
45 meet the general performance outcomes for the child and  
46 adolescent mental health treatment and support system.

47 (b) Each school district shall report annually to the  
48 department on the general performance outcomes for the child and  
49 adolescent mental health treatment and support system and how  
50 the support system funding is allocated and spent.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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54 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

55 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
56 An act relating to coordinated systems of care for children;  
57 creating s. 1006.05, F.S.; defining the term "care coordinator";  
58 requiring certain school districts to be guided by and adhere to  
59 a specified mental health and treatment support system for  
60 certain children; requiring school districts to contract with  
61 managing entities to provide care coordinators for certain  
62 students; requiring that a care coordinator provided by the  
63 managing entity be placed in certain school districts, for  
64 specified purposes; requiring school districts to address  
65 certain recommendations, and meet specified performance

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66 outcomes; requiring each school district to report annually to  
67 the Department of Education on certain performance outcomes and  
68 the allocation and expenditure of certain funding; providing an  
69 effective date.

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**2/14/2024 9:00AM**

**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**CS/HB 1473 : School Safety**

*Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady	X				
Kimberly Daniels			X		
Tiffany Esposito			X		
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
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Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo			X		
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 17</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**CS/HB 1473 Amendments**

**Amendment 190621**

*Adopted Without Objection*

**Appearances:**

Dunagan, Matthew (Lobbyist) (Lobbyist Appearance Form Submitted) - Waive In Support

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Mazzola, Karen - Waive In Support

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**Education & Employment Committee**

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**CS/HB 1473 : School Safety (continued)**

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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
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*Adopted  
without  
objection  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
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3 Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

4  
5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section

8 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.-

10 (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or  
11 by deputy, shall:

12 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school  
13 governing boards in complying with, or private schools in  
14 exercising options in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must, at a minimum,  
15 provide access to a Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach  
16 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or

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17 abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises, as  
18 required under this paragraph. Persons certified as school  
19 guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no authority to act in  
20 any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to  
21 prevent or abate an active assailant incident.

22 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to  
23 implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall  
24 establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to  
25 subparagraph 2., to school district, charter school, or private  
26 school employees, either directly or through a contract with  
27 another sheriff's office that has established a guardian  
28 program.

29 b. A charter school governing board in a school district  
30 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian  
31 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a  
32 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school  
33 employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter  
34 school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has  
35 established a guardian program to provide such training. The  
36 charter school governing board must notify the superintendent  
37 and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract  
38 prior to its execution.

39 c. A private school in a school district that has not  
40 voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian program may  
41 request that the sheriff in the county of the private school

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42 establish a guardian program for the purpose of training private  
43 school employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the  
44 private school may contract with a sheriff from another county  
45 who has established a guardian program to provide such training.  
46 The private school must notify the sheriff in the private  
47 school's county of the contract with a sheriff from another  
48 county before its execution. The private school is responsible  
49 for all training and screening-related costs for a school  
50 guardian program. The sheriff providing such training must  
51 ensure that any moneys paid by a private school are not  
52 commingled with any funds provided by the state to the sheriff  
53 as reimbursement for screening-related and training-related  
54 costs of any school district or charter school employee.

55 d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.  
56 is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff  
57 providing such training shall adhere to the course of  
58 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This  
59 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing  
60 additional training. A school guardian who has completed the  
61 training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b. may not be  
62 required to attend another sheriff's training program pursuant  
63 to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least a 1-year  
64 break in his or her appointment ~~employment~~ as a guardian.

65 e. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to  
66 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees

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67 will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related  
68 costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each  
69 school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

70 f. The sheriff may waive the training and screening-  
71 related costs for a private school for a school guardian  
72 program. Funds provided pursuant to sub-subparagraph e. may not  
73 be used to subsidize any costs that have been waived by the  
74 sheriff.

75 g. A person who is certified and in good standing under  
76 the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission,  
77 who meets the qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who  
78 is otherwise qualified for the position of a school guardian may  
79 be certified as a school guardian by the sheriff without  
80 completing the training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b.  
81 However, a person certified as a school guardian under this sub-  
82 subparagraph must meet the requirements of sub-subparagraphs  
83 2.c.-e.

84 2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with  
85 the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding  
86 principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as  
87 school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees,  
88 as specified in s. 1006.12(3), who:

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

90 b. Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12  
91 hours of training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and

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92 skills necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on  
93 school premises ~~certified nationally recognized diversity~~  
94 ~~training~~ and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and  
95 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and  
96 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

97 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the  
98 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law  
99 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least  
100 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than  
101 associated with academy training. Program participants must  
102 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

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

104 (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction  
105 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

106 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or  
107 assailant scenarios.

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

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

110 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
111 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the  
112 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
113 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law  
114 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with  
115 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this  
116 paragraph.

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117 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent  
118 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
119 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

120 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
121 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual  
122 basis.

123  
124 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the  
125 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.  
126 shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons ~~individuals~~  
127 who meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of  
128 the sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and  
129 equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,  
130 inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian  
131 certified by the sheriff. A person ~~An individual~~ who is  
132 certified under this paragraph may serve as a school guardian  
133 under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or she is appointed by the  
134 applicable school district superintendent, charter school  
135 principal, or private school head of school.

136 3.a.(I) Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian  
137 certificate, the sheriff who issued the certificate must report  
138 to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth,  
139 and certification date of the school guardian.

140 (II) By September 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a  
141 school guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law

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142 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of  
143 each school guardian who received a certificate from the  
144 sheriff.

145 b.(I) By February 1 and September 1 of each school year,  
146 each school district, charter school, and private school must  
147 report to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of  
148 birth, and appointment date of each person appointed as a school  
149 guardian. The school district, charter school, and private  
150 school must also report to the Department of Law Enforcement the  
151 date each school guardian separates from his or her appointment  
152 as a school guardian.

153 (II) By September 1, 2024, each school district, charter  
154 school, and private school must report to the Department of Law  
155 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and initial and end-of-  
156 appointment dates, as applicable, of each person appointed as a  
157 school guardian.

158 c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list  
159 of each person appointed as a school guardian in the state. The  
160 list must include the name and certification date of each school  
161 guardian and the date the person was appointed as a school  
162 guardian, including the name of the school district, charter  
163 school, or private school in which the school guardian is  
164 appointed, any information provided pursuant to s. 1006.12(5),  
165 and, if applicable, the date such person separated from his or  
166 her appointment as a school guardian. The Department of Law

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167 Enforcement shall remove from the list any person whose training  
168 has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph 1.d.

169 d. Each sheriff must report on a quarterly basis to the  
170 Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming school  
171 guardian trainings, including the dates of the training, the  
172 training locations, a contact person to register for the  
173 training, and the class capacity. The Department of Law  
174 Enforcement shall publish on its website a list of the upcoming  
175 school guardian trainings. The Department of Law Enforcement  
176 must update such list quarterly.

177 e. A sheriff who fails to report the information required  
178 by this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement from the  
179 Department of Education for school guardian trainings. Upon the  
180 submission of the required information, a sheriff is deemed  
181 eligible for such funding and is authorized to continue to  
182 receive reimbursement for school guardian training.

183 f. A school district, charter school, or private school  
184 that fails to report the information required by this  
185 subparagraph may not operate a school guardian program for the  
186 following school year, unless the school district, charter  
187 school, or private school has submitted the required  
188 information.

189 g. By March 1 and October 1 of each school year, the  
190 Department of Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of  
191 Education of any sheriff, school district, charter school, or

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192 private school that has not complied with the reporting  
193 requirements of this subparagraph.

194 h. The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt rules to  
195 implement the requirements of this subparagraph, including  
196 requiring additional reporting information only as necessary to  
197 uniquely identify each school guardian reported.

198 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 330.41, Florida  
199 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and a new subsection  
200 (5) is added to that section to read:

201 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

202 (5) PROTECTION OF SCHOOLS.—

203 (a) A person may not knowingly or willfully:

204 1. Operate a drone over a public or private school serving  
205 students in any grade from voluntary prekindergarten through  
206 grade 12; or

207 2. Allow a drone to make contact with a school, including  
208 any person or object on the premises of or within the school  
209 facility.

210 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a  
211 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
212 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or  
213 subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
214 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

215 (c) A person who violates paragraph (a) and records video  
216 of the school, including any person or object on the premises of

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217 or within the school facility, commits a misdemeanor of the  
218 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
219 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation  
220 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
221 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

222 (d) This subsection does not apply to actions identified  
223 in paragraph (a) which are committed by:

224 1. A person acting under the prior written consent of the  
225 school principal, district school board, superintendent, or  
226 school governing board.

227 2. A law enforcement agency that is in compliance with s.  
228 934.50 or a person under contract with or otherwise acting under  
229 the direction of such law enforcement agency.

230 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
231 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

232 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

233 (4)

234 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the  
235 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on  
236 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,  
237 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile  
238 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on  
239 all computer devices issued to students. Within the first 5 days  
240 of each school year, each district school board and charter  
241 school governing board must ensure that instruction on the use

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242 of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as  
243 FortifyFL is provided to students. The instruction must be age  
244 and developmentally appropriate and include the consequences for  
245 making a threat or false report as described in ss. 790.162 and  
246 790.163, respectively, involving school or school personnel's  
247 property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

248 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
249 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

250 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.—

251 (4)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
252 section, when a child of any age is taken into custody by a law  
253 enforcement officer for an offense that would have been a felony  
254 if committed by an adult, or a crime of violence, the law  
255 enforcement agency must notify the superintendent of schools  
256 that the child is alleged to have committed the delinquent act.  
257 If the child is a dual enrolled student at a postsecondary  
258 institution, the superintendent of schools, or his or her  
259 designee, must notify the chief of police or the public safety  
260 director of the postsecondary institution at which the student  
261 is dual enrolled within 1 business day after receiving the  
262 initial notification.

263 Section 5. Subsection (14) of section 1001.212, Florida  
264 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (17) and (18) are added to  
265 that section, to read:

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266 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the  
267 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office  
268 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The  
269 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,  
270 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters  
271 regarding school safety and security, including prevention  
272 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness  
273 planning. The office shall:

274 (14) (a) By August 1, 2024, develop and adopt a Florida  
275 school safety compliance inspection report to document  
276 compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements  
277 mandated by law or rule and adherence to established school  
278 safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and  
279 emergency response of the school. Upon the adoption of the  
280 report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall  
281 provide a blank copy of the report to each district school  
282 superintendent and charter school administrator.

283 (b) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to  
284 school safety by school districts and public schools, including  
285 charter schools. The office shall conduct unannounced  
286 inspections of all public schools, including charter schools,  
287 while school is in session, triennially and investigate reports  
288 of noncompliance with school safety requirements. Within 3  
289 school days after the unannounced inspection, the office shall  
290 provide a copy of the completed Florida school safety compliance

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291 inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence  
292 of noncompliance, to the school safety specialist, the school  
293 principal or charter school administrator, as appropriate, and  
294 the district school superintendent. The school safety specialist  
295 or charter school administrator shall acknowledge receipt of the  
296 report in writing within 1 school day after receipt. The office  
297 shall reinspect any school with documented deficiencies within 6  
298 months. The school safety specialist or charter school  
299 administrator, or his or her designee, must provide the office  
300 with written notice of how the noncompliance with s.  
301 1006.07(6)(f) has been remediated within 3 school days after  
302 receipt of the report.

303 (c) Provide quarterly reports to each district school  
304 superintendent and school safety specialist identifying the  
305 number and percentage of schools, including charter schools,  
306 inspected or reinspected during that quarter and the number and  
307 percentage of inspected schools that had no school safety  
308 requirement deficiencies. The school safety specialist shall  
309 present each quarterly report to the district school board in a  
310 public meeting. Annually, during the first quarter of every  
311 school year, the school safety specialist shall report to the  
312 district school board in a public meeting the number of schools  
313 inspected during the preceding calendar year and the number and  
314 percentage of schools in compliance during the initial  
315 inspection and reinspection.

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316 (d) Provide a bonus in an amount determined in the General  
317 Appropriations Act, at the conclusion of the initial unannounced  
318 inspection conducted during the triennial period, to the school  
319 principal or charter school administrator of each school that  
320 complies with all school safety requirements.

321 (e) Refer any instructional personnel as defined in s.  
322 1012.01(2) and any administrative personnel as defined in s.  
323 1012.01(3) who knowingly violate s. 1006.07(6)(f) to the  
324 district school superintendent or charter school administrator,  
325 as applicable, for disciplinary action if such action has not  
326 already been commenced by the district school superintendent or  
327 charter school administrator upon receipt of the Florida school  
328 safety compliance inspection report. The district school  
329 superintendent or charter school administrator must notify the  
330 office of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings within 3  
331 school days after the conclusion of the proceedings.

332 (17) Annually, at the beginning of the school year, notify  
333 all administrative and instructional personnel by electronic  
334 mail of the requirements of s. 1006.07(6)(f).

335 (18) By December 1, 2024, evaluate the methodology for the  
336 safe schools allocation in s. 1011.62(12) and, if necessary,  
337 make recommendations for an alternate methodology to distribute  
338 the remaining balance of the safe schools allocation as  
339 indicated in s. 1011.62(12) ~~report incidents of noncompliance to~~  
340 ~~the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and the state board~~

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341 ~~pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of law, as~~  
342 ~~appropriate.~~

343 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and paragraph  
344 (a) of subsection (6) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are  
345 amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of that  
346 section, to read:

347 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
348 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
349 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
350 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
351 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
352 welfare of students, including:

353 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

354 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in  
355 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for  
356 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not  
357 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active assailant and  
358 hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and  
359 faculty at all public schools of the district composed of grades  
360 K-12, pursuant to State Board of Education rules. Drills for  
361 active assailant and hostage situations must be conducted in  
362 accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate  
363 procedures, as specified in State Board of Education rules. Law  
364 enforcement officers responsible for responding to the school in  
365 the event of an active assailant emergency, as determined

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366 necessary by the sheriff in coordination with the district's  
367 school safety specialist, must be physically present on campus  
368 and directly involved in the execution of active assailant  
369 emergency drills. School districts must notify law enforcement  
370 officers at least 24 hours before conducting an active assailant  
371 emergency drill at which such law enforcement officers are  
372 expected to attend. Each school, including charter schools, must  
373 maintain a record that is accessible on each campus or by  
374 request of the Office of Safe Schools of all current school year  
375 and prior school year drills conducted pursuant to this  
376 subsection, including the names of law enforcement personnel  
377 present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.

378 District school board policies must include commonly used alarm  
379 system responses for specific types of emergencies and  
380 verification by each school that drills have been provided as  
381 required by law, State Board of Education rules, and fire  
382 protection codes and may provide accommodations for drills  
383 conducted by exceptional student education centers. District  
384 school boards shall establish emergency response and emergency  
385 preparedness policies and procedures that include, but are not  
386 limited to, identifying the individuals responsible for  
387 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the  
388 emergency response agency responsible for notifying the school  
389 district for each type of emergency. The State Board of  
390 Education shall refer to recommendations provided in reports

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391 published pursuant to s. 943.687 for guidance and, by August 1,  
392 2023, consult with state and local constituencies to adopt rules  
393 applicable to the requirements of this subsection which, at a  
394 minimum, define the terms "emergency drill," "active threat,"  
395 and "after-action report" and establish minimum emergency drill  
396 policies and procedures related to the timing, frequency,  
397 participation, training, notification, accommodations, and  
398 responses to threat situations by incident type, school level,  
399 school type, and student and school characteristics. The rules  
400 must require all types of emergency drills to be conducted no  
401 less frequently than on an annual school year basis.

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

407 (a) School safety specialist.—Each district school  
408 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for  
409 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school  
410 administrator employed by the school district or a law  
411 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in  
412 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated  
413 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved  
414 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school  
415 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains

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416 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,  
417 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized  
418 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's  
419 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine  
420 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the  
421 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer  
422 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must  
423 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist  
424 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year  
425 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and  
426 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,  
427 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school  
428 safety specialist, or his or her designee, shall:

429 1. In conjunction with the district school superintendent,  
430 annually review school district policies and procedures for  
431 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's  
432 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety  
433 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).  
434 At least quarterly, the school safety specialist must report to  
435 the district school superintendent and the district school board  
436 any noncompliance by the school district with laws or rules  
437 regarding school safety.

438 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to  
439 students and school district staff in matters relating to youth  
440 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures,

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441 including active shooter training; and school safety and  
442 security.

443 3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public  
444 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and  
445 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

446 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety  
447 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of  
448 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each  
449 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool  
450 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.  
451 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's  
452 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the  
453 district school superintendent and the district school board  
454 which identify strategies and activities that the district  
455 school board should implement in order to address the findings  
456 and improve school safety and security. Each district school  
457 board must receive such findings and the school safety  
458 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district  
459 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to  
460 hear the district school board members discuss and take action  
461 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety  
462 specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall  
463 report such findings and school board action to the Office of  
464 Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board  
465 meeting.

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466 5. Conduct annual unannounced inspections, using the form  
467 adopted by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.  
468 1001.212(14), of all public schools, including charter schools,  
469 while school is in session and investigate reports of  
470 noncompliance with school safety requirements.

471 6. Report violations of paragraph (f) by administrative  
472 personnel and instructional personnel to the district school  
473 superintendent or charter school administrator, as applicable.

474 (f) School safety requirements.-

475 1. By August 1, 2024, each school district and charter  
476 school governing board shall comply with the following school  
477 safety requirements:

478 a. All gates or other access points that restrict ingress  
479 to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked  
480 when students are on campus. A gate or other campus access point  
481 may not be open or unlocked, regardless of whether it is during  
482 normal school hours, unless attended or actively staffed by a  
483 person when students are on campus or the school safety  
484 specialist, or his or her designee, has documented in the  
485 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool portal maintained by the  
486 Office of Safe Schools that the gate or other access point is  
487 not subject to this requirement based upon other safety measures  
488 at the school. The office may conduct a compliance visit  
489 pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is  
490 appropriate.

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491 b. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces  
492 must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students,  
493 except between class periods when students are moving between  
494 classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or  
495 other instructional space door must be left unlocked or open for  
496 any reason other than between class periods when students are  
497 moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the  
498 door must be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at  
499 the door.

500 c. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points  
501 that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall  
502 remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless  
503 a person is actively entering or exiting the door, gate, or  
504 other access point or the school safety specialist, or his or  
505 her designee, has documented in the Florida Safe Schools  
506 Assessment Tool portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools  
507 that the open and unlocked door, gate, or other access point is  
508 not subject to this requirement based upon other safety measures  
509 at the school. The office may conduct a compliance visit  
510 pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is  
511 appropriate. All campus access doors, gates, and other access  
512 points may be electronically or manually controlled by school  
513 personnel to allow access by authorized visitors, students, and  
514 school personnel.

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515 d. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces  
516 must clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each  
517 classroom or other instructional space where students must  
518 shelter in place during an emergency. Students must be notified  
519 of these safe areas within the first 10 days of the school year.  
520 If it is not feasible to clearly and conspicuously mark the  
521 safest areas in a classroom or other instructional space, the  
522 school safety specialist, or his or her designee, must document  
523 such determination in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool  
524 portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools, identifying  
525 where affected students must shelter in place. The office shall  
526 assist the school safety specialist with compliance during the  
527 inspection required under s. 1001.212(14).

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529 Persons who are aware of a violation of this paragraph must  
530 report the violation to the school principal. The school  
531 principal must report the violation to the school safety  
532 specialist no later than the next business day after receiving  
533 such report. If the person who violated this paragraph is the  
534 school principal or charter school administrator, the report  
535 must be made directly to the district school superintendent or  
536 charter school governing board, as applicable.

537 (g) Progressive discipline policy.—Each district school  
538 board and charter school governing board shall adopt a  
539 progressive discipline policy for addressing any instructional

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540 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2) and any administrative  
541 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(3) who knowingly violate  
542 school safety requirements.

543 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections  
544 (3) and (6) of section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
545 read:

546 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For  
547 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,  
548 students, and visitors, each district school board and school  
549 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement  
550 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more  
551 safe-school officers at each school facility within the  
552 district, including charter schools. A district school board  
553 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to  
554 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer  
555 options available under this section. The school district may  
556 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)-(4)  
557 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter  
558 schools.

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

562 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district  
563 school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate  
564 activities through the school principal, but shall be

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565 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters  
566 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district  
567 school board and a law enforcement agency. The agreements shall  
568 identify the entity responsible for maintaining records relating  
569 to training. Activities conducted by the school resource officer  
570 which are part of the regular instructional program of the  
571 school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

572 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

573 (a) At the school district's or the charter school  
574 governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.  
575 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may  
576 participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach  
577 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of  
578 establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals  
579 may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned  
580 activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory  
581 completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and  
582 certification by a sheriff:

583 1.(a) A school district employee or personnel, as defined  
584 under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided  
585 under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school  
586 guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

587 2.(b) An employee of a school district or a charter school  
588 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school  
589 guardian.

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

594 (c) The department shall provide to the Department of Law  
595 Enforcement any information relating to a school guardian  
596 received pursuant to subsection (5).

597 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—

598 ~~(a)~~ Each safe-school officer who is also a sworn law  
599 enforcement officer shall complete mental health crisis  
600 intervention training using a curriculum developed by a national  
601 organization with expertise in mental health crisis  
602 intervention. The training must improve the officer's knowledge  
603 and skills as a first responder to incidents involving students  
604 with emotional disturbance or mental illness, including de-  
605 escalation skills to ensure student and officer safety.

606 ~~(b) Each safe-school officer who is not a sworn law~~  
607 ~~enforcement officer shall receive training to improve the~~  
608 ~~officer's knowledge and skills necessary to respond to and de-~~  
609 ~~escalate incidents on school premises.~~

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611 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,  
612 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any  
613 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school  
614 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety

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615 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the  
616 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource  
617 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school  
618 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.  
619 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

620 Section 8. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year and subject to  
621 legislative appropriation, the Department of Law Enforcement  
622 shall provide grants to sheriffs' offices and law enforcement  
623 agencies to conduct physical site security assessments for and  
624 provide reports to private schools with recommendations on  
625 improving such schools' infrastructure safety and security; to  
626 assist private schools in developing active assailant response  
627 protocols and develop and implement training relating to active  
628 assailant responses, including active assailant response drills  
629 for students and school personnel; and to consult with or  
630 provide guidance to private schools in implementing a threat  
631 management program similar to the program required under s.  
632 1001.212(12), Florida Statutes, for public schools. The  
633 Department of Law Enforcement shall develop a site security  
634 assessment form for use by sheriffs' offices and law enforcement  
635 agencies and provide the form, including any subsequent  
636 revisions, to the recipient of funds in conducting the duties  
637 outlined in this section. Grants awarded under this section may  
638 be used to provide reimbursements for personnel costs, software,  
639 and other items necessary to assist private schools. The

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640 Department of Law Enforcement shall establish the requirements  
641 for awarding grants under this section. An applicant may not  
642 receive more than 10 percent of the total amount appropriated  
643 for the program.

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

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to school safety; amending s. 30.15,

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F.S.; providing that private schools are responsible

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for specified costs relating to school guardian

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programs; authorizing sheriffs to waive specified

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costs for private schools; prohibiting specified funds

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from being used to subsidize certain costs;

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authorizing certain persons to be certified as school

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guardians without completing certain training

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requirements; revising specified training requirements

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for school guardians; requiring school districts,

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charter schools, private schools, and sheriffs to

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report specified information relating to school

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guardians and school guardian programs to the

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Department of Law Enforcement within specified

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timeframes; requiring the Department of Law

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665 Enforcement to maintain a list of school guardians and  
666 school guardian trainings; providing for the removal  
667 of specified persons from such list; providing  
668 requirements for such list; prohibiting sheriffs who  
669 fail to report specified information from receiving  
670 certain reimbursement; prohibiting school districts,  
671 charter schools, and private schools that fail to  
672 report specified information from operating school  
673 guardian programs for the following school year unless  
674 the school district, charter school, or private school  
675 has submitted the required information; requiring the  
676 Department of Law Enforcement to report certain  
677 information to the Department of Education by  
678 specified dates of each school year; authorizing the  
679 Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending  
680 330.41, F.S.; prohibiting the operation of a drone  
681 over public and private schools and the recording of  
682 video of such schools; providing criminal penalties;  
683 providing exemptions; amending s. 943.082, F.S.;

684 requiring district school boards and charter school  
685 governing boards to ensure specified instruction  
686 relating to the mobile suspicious activity reporting  
687 tool be provided to students within a specified  
688 timeframe; providing requirements for such  
689 instruction; amending s. 985.04, F.S.; requiring the

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690 superintendent of schools, or his or her designee, to  
691 notify specified chiefs of police or public safety  
692 directors of certain postsecondary institutions of  
693 specified alleged acts by children dual enrolled at  
694 such institutions within a specified timeframe;  
695 amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the Office of  
696 Safe Schools to develop and adopt a specified report  
697 relating to compliance and noncompliance with school  
698 safety requirements by a specified date; requiring the  
699 office to provide such report to specified persons;  
700 requiring the office to conduct specified inspections  
701 triennially and investigate certain noncompliance;  
702 providing requirements for the provision of specified  
703 information from such inspections and investigations;  
704 requiring the office to provide certain quarterly  
705 reports to specified persons; requiring the office to  
706 provide bonuses to certain persons who comply with  
707 specified requirements; requiring the office to refer  
708 certain personnel to specified persons; requiring the  
709 office to notify specified personnel electronically of  
710 certain requirements; requiring the office to evaluate  
711 the methodology for the safe schools allocation and,  
712 if necessary, recommend an alternative methodology for  
713 specified purposes by a specified date; amending s.  
714 1006.07, F.S.; requiring schools, including charter

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715 schools, to maintain a specified record relating to  
716 certain drills; providing that school safety  
717 specialist duties may be completed by his or her  
718 designee; providing that certain school safety  
719 specialist duties are in conjunction with the district  
720 school superintendent; requiring school safety  
721 specialists to conduct specified annual inspections,  
722 investigate specified reports of noncompliance, and  
723 report certain noncompliance and violations to  
724 specified individuals and the district school board;  
725 requiring school districts and charter school  
726 governing boards to comply with certain school safety  
727 requirements by a specified date; providing reporting  
728 requirements for violations of certain school safety  
729 requirements; requiring district school boards and  
730 charter school governing boards to adopt a progressive  
731 discipline policy for specified personnel who commit  
732 specified violations; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.;  
733 requiring specified agreements relating to school  
734 resource officers to identify the entity responsible  
735 for maintaining specified records; providing  
736 requirements before the appointment of a school  
737 guardian; requiring the Department of Education to  
738 provide certain information to the Department of Law  
739 Enforcement; repealing specified training requirements

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740 for safe-school officers; subject to legislative  
741 appropriation, requiring the Department of Law  
742 Enforcement to provide grants to sheriffs' offices and  
743 law enforcement agencies for specified purposes  
744 relating to school safety in private schools;  
745 providing requirements for such grants; requiring the  
746 Department of Law Enforcement to develop a specified  
747 form and provide such form to grant recipients;  
748 providing requirements for the use of such funds;  
749 providing a limit on the amount of funds an applicant  
750 may receive; providing an effective date.

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**Education & Employment Committee**

**2/14/2024 9:00AM**

**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**CS/HB 7051 : Education**

*Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Douglas Bankson	X				
Melony Bell	X				
Jennifer Canady	X				
Kimberly Daniels			X		
Tiffany Esposito			X		
Randy Fine	X				
Gallop Franklin II	X				
Karen Gonzalez Pittman	X				
Traci Koster	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Lauren Melo	X				
Alex Rizo			X		
Dana Trabulsy	X				
Chase Tramont	X				
Kaylee Tuck	X				
Susan Valdés	X				
Katherine Waldron	X				
Patricia Williams	X				
Marie Woodson	X				
Ralph Massullo, MD (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 17</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

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**Amendment 531995**

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ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

*Adopted  
without  
objection  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment  
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3 Representative Melo offered the following:

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**Amendment**

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Remove line 164 and insert:

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under subparagraph 3. within 3 years after his or her initial