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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to K-12 student safety; amending s. 413.208, F.S.; exempting certain school district employees from level 2 background screenings under specified circumstances; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising district school board duties to include security risk assessments; requiring certain selfassessments to be in a specified format; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; prohibiting certain teachers from receiving bonuses related to specified FTE student membership calculations; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules for rescinding certain certifications or grades; amending s. 1012.315, F.S.; providing that certain persons are ineligible for employment in a school district under specified circumstances; amending s. 1012.36, F.S.; providing that certain persons are not exempt from specified certification requirements; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; requiring certified educators to inform their employers within a specified time period after being arrested for, rather than convicted of, certain offenses; authorizing the Department of Education to deny applicants for certification if the applicant could be disciplined by the Education Practices Commission; authorizing the commission to impose specified penalties on such applicants under certain circumstances; amending s. 1012.57, F.S.; providing that an adjunct teaching certificate does not fulfill specified certification requirements; amending s.

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1012.795, F.S.; authorizing the commission to take certain actions against persons who meet specified criteria; amending s. 1012.796, F.S.; requiring certified educators who are placed on probation to immediately notify a specified office upon separation from, rather than termination of, employment; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 413.208, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

413.208 Service providers; quality assurance; fitness for responsibilities; background screening.—

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- (b) Level 2 background screening pursuant to chapter 435 is not required for the following persons:
- 1. A licensed physician, nurse, or other professional who is licensed by the Department of Health and who has undergone fingerprinting and background screening as part of such licensure if providing a service that is within the scope of her or his licensed practice.
- 2. A relative of the vulnerable person receiving services. For purposes of this section, the term "relative" means an individual who is the father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, great-grandmother, great-grandfather, grandson, granddaughter, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law,

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sister-in-law, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister of the vulnerable person.

3. An individual who provides proof of a current valid background screening conducted pursuant to chapter 1012, if the school district that required the background screening is the service provider and the individual is working for the school district in its capacity as a service provider.

Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

district shall Use the Safety and Security Best Practices developed by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a security risk assessment at each public school and conduct a self-assessment of the school districts' current safety and security practices using a format prescribed by the department. Based on these assessment self-assessment findings, the district school superintendent shall provide recommendations to the district school board which identify strategies and activities that the district school board should implement in order to improve school safety and security. Annually, each district school board must receive such findings and the superintendent's recommendations the self-assessment results at a publicly noticed district school board

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meeting to provide the public an opportunity to hear the district school board members discuss and take action on the report findings and recommendations. Each district school superintendent shall report such findings the self-assessment results and school board action to the commissioner within 30 days after the district school board meeting.

Section 3. Paragraphs (o) and (t) of subsection (1) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each district for operation of schools is not determined in the annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as follows:

- (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR OPERATION.—The following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual allocation to each district for operation:
- (o) Calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership based on successful completion of a career-themed course pursuant to ss. 1003.491, 1003.492, and 1003.493, or courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications or CAPE Digital Tool certificates, and issuance of industry certification identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education or CAPE Digital Tool certificates pursuant to s. 1003.4203.—
- 1.a. A value of 0.025 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Digital Tool

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certificates earned by students in elementary and middle school grades.

b. A value of 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes a course as defined in s. 1003.493(1)(b) or courses with embedded CAPE industry certifications and who is issued an industry certification identified annually on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of Education. A value of 0.2 full-time equivalent membership shall be calculated for each student who is issued a CAPE industry certification that has a statewide articulation agreement for college credit approved by the State Board of Education. For CAPE industry certifications that do not articulate for college credit, the Department of Education shall assign a full-time equivalent value of 0.1 for each certification. Middle grades students who earn additional FTE membership for a CAPE Digital Tool certificate pursuant to subsubparagraph a. may not use the previously funded examination to satisfy the requirements for earning an industry certification under this sub-subparagraph. Additional FTE membership for an elementary or middle grades student may not exceed 0.1 for certificates or certifications earned within the same fiscal year. The State Board of Education shall include the assigned values on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List under rules adopted by the state board. Such value shall be added to the total full-time equivalent student membership for grades 6 through 12 in the subsequent year. CAPE industry certifications earned through dual enrollment must be reported and funded pursuant to s. 1011.80. However, if a student earns a

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certification through a dual enrollment course and the certification is not a fundable certification on the postsecondary certification funding list, or the dual enrollment certification is earned as a result of an agreement between a school district and a nonpublic postsecondary institution, the bonus value shall be funded in the same manner as other nondual enrollment course industry certifications. In such cases, the school district may provide for an agreement between the high school and the technical center, or the school district and the postsecondary institution may enter into an agreement for equitable distribution of the bonus funds.

- c. A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for student completion of the courses and the embedded certifications identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List and approved by the commissioner pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5)(a) and 1008.44.
- d. A value of 0.5 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 15 to 29 college credit hours, and 1.0 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 30 or more college credit hours pursuant to CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications approved by the commissioner pursuant to ss. 1003.4203(5)(b) and 1008.44.
- 2. Each district must allocate at least 80 percent of the funds provided for CAPE industry certification, in accordance with this paragraph, to the program that generated the funds. This allocation may not be used to supplant funds provided for basic operation of the program.

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3. For CAPE industry certifications earned in the 2013-2014 school year and in subsequent years, the school district shall distribute to each classroom teacher who provided direct instruction toward the attainment of a CAPE industry certification that qualified for additional full-time equivalent membership under subparagraph 1.:

- a. A bonus of \$25 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.1.
- b. A bonus of \$50 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.2.
- c. A bonus of \$75 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.3.
- d. A bonus of \$100 for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List with a weight of 0.5 or 1.0.

Bonuses awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to teachers who are employed by the district in the year in which the additional FTE membership calculation is included in the calculation. Bonuses shall be calculated based upon the associated weight of a CAPE industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List for the year in which the

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certification is earned by the student. Any bonus awarded to a teacher <u>pursuant to under</u> this paragraph is in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher received or is scheduled to receive. A bonus may not be awarded to a teacher who fails to maintain the security of any CAPE industry certification examination or who otherwise violates the security or administration protocol of any assessment instrument that may result in a bonus being awarded to the teacher under this paragraph.

(t) Computation for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program.—The State Board of Education may adopt rules establishing programs, industry certifications, and courses for which the student may earn credit toward high school graduation and the criteria under which a student's industry certification or grade may be rescinded.

Section 4. Section 1012.315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.315 Disqualification from employment.—A person is ineligible for educator certification or, and instructional personnel and school administrators, as defined in s. 1012.01, are ineligible for employment in any position that requires direct contact with students in a district school system, charter school, or private school that accepts scholarship students under s. 1002.39 or s. 1002.395, if the person, instructional personnel, or school administrator has been convicted of:

- (1) Any felony offense prohibited under any of the following statutes:
 - (a) Section 393.135, relating to sexual misconduct with

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certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.

- (b) Section 394.4593, relating to sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
- (c) Section 415.111, relating to adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
 - (d) Section 782.04, relating to murder.
- (e) Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, aggravated manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter of an officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.
 - (f) Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.
 - (g) Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.
- (h) Section 784.075, relating to battery on a detention or commitment facility staff member or a juvenile probation officer.
 - (i) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
 - (j) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
- (k) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
 - (1) Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking, enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
 - (m) Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking, enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending

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dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse or neglect of a minor.

- (n) Section 790.115(1), relating to exhibiting firearms or weapons at a school-sponsored event, on school property, or within 1,000 feet of a school.
- (o) Section 790.115(2)(b), relating to possessing an electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon at a school-sponsored event or on school property.
 - (p) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- (q) Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial authority.
- (r) Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity with certain minors.
 - (s) Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.
 - (t) Chapter 796, relating to prostitution.
- (u) Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure.
 - (v) Section 806.01, relating to arson.
 - (w) Section 810.14, relating to voyeurism.
 - (x) Section 810.145, relating to video voyeurism.
 - (y) Section 812.014(6), relating to coordinating the commission of theft in excess of \$3,000.
 - (z) Section 812.0145, relating to theft from persons 65 years of age or older.
- 287 (aa) Section 812.019, relating to dealing in stolen property.
 - (bb) Section 812.13, relating to robbery.
 - (cc) Section 812.131, relating to robbery by sudden

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- (dd) Section 812.133, relating to carjacking.
- (ee) Section 812.135, relating to home-invasion robbery.
- (ff) Section 817.563, relating to fraudulent sale of controlled substances.
 - (gg) Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
 - (hh) Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult.
 - (ii) Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled person.
 - (jj) Section 826.04, relating to incest.
 - (kk) Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.
 - (11) Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.
 - (mm) Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a child.
 - (nn) Section 843.01, relating to resisting arrest with violence.
 - (oo) Chapter 847, relating to obscenity.
 - (pp) Section 874.05, relating to causing, encouraging, soliciting, or recruiting another to join a criminal street gang.
 - (qq) Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and control, if the offense was a felony of the second degree or greater severity.
 - (rr) Section 916.1075, relating to sexual misconduct with

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certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.

- (ss) Section 944.47, relating to introduction, removal, or possession of contraband at a correctional facility.
- (tt) Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in juvenile justice programs.
- (uu) Section 985.711, relating to introduction, removal, or possession of contraband at a juvenile detention facility or commitment program.
- (2) Any misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the following statutes:
- (a) Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
- (b) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- (3) Any criminal act committed in another state or under federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes an offense prohibited under any statute listed in subsection (1) or subsection (2).
- (4) Any delinquent act committed in this state or any delinquent or criminal act committed in another state or under federal law which, if committed in this state, qualifies an individual for inclusion on the Registered Juvenile Sex Offender List under s. 943.0435(1)(h)1.d.
- Section 5. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.36, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 1012.36 Part-time teachers.-
- (3) Persons employed under the provisions of this section are not exempt from the requirements of s. 1012.55(2)(a).

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Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (10) and subsection (12) of section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

- (10) BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIRED, INITIALLY AND PERIODICALLY.—
- (b) A person may not receive a certificate under this chapter until the person's screening under s. 1012.32 is completed and the results have been submitted to the Department of Education or to the district school superintendent of the school district that employs the person. Every 5 years after obtaining initial certification, each person who is required to be certified under this chapter must be rescreened in accordance with s. 1012.32, at which time the school district shall request the Department of Law Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal criminal records checks. If, for any reason after obtaining initial certification, the fingerprints of a person who is required to be certified under this chapter are not retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under s. 1012.32(3)(a) and (b), the person must file a complete set of fingerprints with the district school superintendent of the employing school district. Upon submission of fingerprints for this purpose, the school district shall request the Department of Law Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal criminal records checks, and the fingerprints shall be retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under s. 1012.32(3)(a) and (b). The cost of the state and federal criminal history checks required by paragraph (a) and this paragraph may be borne by the district school board or the

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employee. Under penalty of perjury, each person who is certified under this chapter must agree to inform his or her employer within 48 hours if <u>arrested for convicted of</u> any disqualifying offense while he or she is employed in a position for which such certification is required.

- (12) DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE.-
- (a) The Department of Education may deny an applicant a certificate if the department possesses evidence satisfactory to it that the applicant has committed an act or acts, or that a situation exists, for which the Education Practices Commission would be authorized to <u>discipline a certified educator revoke a teaching certificate</u>.
- (b) The decision of the department is subject to review by the Education Practices Commission upon the filing of a written request from the applicant within 20 days after receipt of the notice of denial. Upon review, the commission may impose one or more of the following penalties pursuant to s. 1012.796(7):
 - 1. Denial of an application.
 - 2. Bar from reapplication.
 - 3. Probation for a period of time.
 - 4. Restriction of the scope of practice.
 - 5. Issuance of a letter of reprimand.
- 6. Referral of the teacher, administrator, or supervisor to the recovery network program provided in s. 1012.798 under such terms and conditions as the commission may specify.
- 7. An administrative fine not to exceed \$2,000 for each count or separate offense.
- Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1012.57, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1012.57 Certification of adjunct educators.-

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 1012.32, 1012.55, and 1012.56_{7} or any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, district school boards shall adopt rules to allow for the issuance of an adjunct teaching certificate to any applicant who fulfills the requirements of s. 1012.56(2)(a)-(f) and (10) and who has expertise in the subject area to be taught. An applicant shall be considered to have expertise in the subject area to be taught if the applicant demonstrates sufficient subject area mastery through passage of a subject area test. The adjunct teaching certificate shall be used for part-time teaching positions. The adjunct teaching certificate may not be used to fulfill the requirements of s. 1012.55(2)(a).

Section 8. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 1012.795, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to discipline.—

application for certification; may suspend the educator certificates ertificate of any instructional personnel or school administrators, person as defined in s. 1012.01(2) or (3), for up to 5 years, thereby denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or public school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students for that period of time, after which the person holder may return to teaching as provided in subsection (4); may revoke the educator certificate of any person, thereby denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or public school in any capacity requiring direct

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contact with students for up to 10 years, with reinstatement subject to the provisions of subsection (4); may permanently revoke permanently the educator certificate of any person, thereby denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or public school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students; may suspend a person's the educator certificate, upon an order of the court or notice by the Department of Revenue relating to the payment of child support; or may impose any other penalty provided by law, if the person:

- (a) Obtained or attempted to obtain an educator certificate by fraudulent means.
- (b) Knowingly failed to report actual or suspected child abuse as required in s. 1006.061 or report alleged misconduct by instructional personnel or school administrators which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student as required in s. 1012.796.
- (c) Has proved to be incompetent to teach or to perform duties as an employee of the public school system or to teach in or to operate a private school.
- (d) Has been guilty of gross immorality or an act involving moral turpitude as defined by rule of the State Board of Education.
- (e) Has had an educator certificate <u>or other professional</u>

 <u>license</u> sanctioned by <u>this or any other revocation</u>, <u>suspension</u>,

 <u>or surrender in another</u> state <u>or has had the authority to</u>

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jurisdiction, including its agencies and subdivisions. The licensing or certifying authority's acceptance of a relinquishment, stipulation, consent order, or other settlement offered in response to or in anticipation of the filing of charges against the licensee or certificateholder shall be construed as action against the license or certificate.

- (f) Regardless of adjudication, has been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication of guilt, a misdemeanor, a felony, or any other criminal charge, other than a minor traffic violation.
- (g) Upon investigation, has been found guilty of personal conduct that seriously reduces that person's effectiveness as an employee of the district school board.
- (h) Has breached a contract, as provided in s. 1012.33(2) or s. 1012.335.
- (i) Has been the subject of a court order or notice by the Department of Revenue pursuant to s. 409.2598 directing the Education Practices Commission to suspend the certificate as a result of noncompliance with a child support order, a subpoena, an order to show cause, or a written agreement with the Department of Revenue.
- (j) Has violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession prescribed by State Board of Education rules.
- (k) Has otherwise violated the provisions of law, the penalty for which is the revocation of the educator certificate.
- (1) Has violated any order of the Education Practices Commission.
 - (m) Has been the subject of a court order or plea agreement

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in any jurisdiction which requires the certificateholder to surrender or otherwise relinquish his or her educator's certificate. A surrender or relinquishment shall be for permanent revocation of the certificate. A person may not surrender or otherwise relinquish his or her certificate prior to a finding of probable cause by the commissioner as provided in s. 1012.796.

- (n) Has been disqualified from educator certification under s. 1012.315.
- (o) Has committed a third recruiting offense as determined by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) pursuant to $s.\ 1006.20(2)(b)$.
- (p) Has violated test security rules as provided in s. 1008.24.
- (5) Each district school superintendent and the governing authority of each university lab school, state-supported school, private school, and the FHSAA shall report to the department the name of any person certified pursuant to this chapter or employed and qualified pursuant to s. 1012.39:
- (a) Who has been convicted or found guilty of, who has had adjudication withheld, or who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a misdemeanor, a felony, or any other criminal charge, other than a minor traffic infraction;
- (b) Who that official has reason to believe has committed or is found to have committed any act which would be a ground for revocation or suspension under subsection (1); or
- (c) Who has been dismissed or severed from employment because of conduct involving any immoral, unnatural, or lascivious act.

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Section 9. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (7) of section 1012.796, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1012.796 Complaints against teachers and administrators; procedure; penalties.—

- (7) A panel of the commission shall enter a final order either dismissing the complaint or imposing one or more of the following penalties:
- (a) Denial of an application for a teaching certificate or for an administrative or supervisory endorsement on a teaching certificate. The denial may provide that the applicant may not reapply for certification, and that the department may refuse to consider that applicant's application, for a specified period of time or permanently.
- (d) Placement of the teacher, administrator, or supervisor on probation for a period of time and subject to such conditions as the commission may specify, including requiring the certified teacher, administrator, or supervisor to complete additional appropriate college courses or work with another certified educator, with the administrative costs of monitoring the probation assessed to the educator placed on probation. An educator who has been placed on probation shall, at a minimum:
- 1. Immediately notify the investigative office in the Department of Education upon employment or <u>separation from</u> termination of employment in the state in any public or private position requiring a Florida educator's certificate.
- 2. Have his or her immediate supervisor submit annual performance reports to the investigative office in the Department of Education.
 - 3. Pay to the commission within the first 6 months of each

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probation year the administrative costs of monitoring probation assessed to the educator.

- 4. Violate no law and fully comply with all district school board policies, school rules, and State Board of Education rules.
- 5. Satisfactorily perform his or her assigned duties in a competent, professional manner.
- 6. Bear all costs of complying with the terms of a final order entered by the commission.

The penalties imposed under this subsection are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the penalties required for a third recruiting offense pursuant to s. 1006.20(2)(b).

Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.