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Representative Jones offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (537775)

Remove lines 5-15 of the amendment and insert:

(a)1. Within 24 hours after receipt of a formal report of an incident listed in paragraph (3) (a), the school principal shall provide a copy of the report to the alleged victim's parent and the alleged offender's parent and investigate the incident to determine if the incident must be reported as required by s. 1006.09(6). The report must include a statement of the expected investigative actions and the timeline for reporting the investigation outcome. Within 24 hours after receipt of the formal report, the school principal shall provide

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14 the school district superintendent with a copy of the report and
15 verification that the alleged victim's parent and the alleged
16 offender's parent have been provided a copy of the report and
17 other required information.

18 2. In accordance with s. 1006.09, the school principal
19 shall investigate the incident to determine if the incident is
20 substantiated or unsubstantiated, and if the incident must be
21 reported. The school principal may, at his or her discretion,
22 determine the extent to which each student was engaged in
23 instigating, initiating, or reacting to a physical altercation,
24 and may consider such information when evaluating and
25 determining appropriate disciplinary actions and the
26 investigation outcome.

27 3. During the investigation period, the school principal
28 and the school district superintendent shall take all necessary
29 actions to continue the educational services of students
30 involved in the reported incident while taking every reasonable
31 precaution to keep the alleged offender separated from the
32 alleged victim and any siblings of the alleged victim while on
33 school grounds or on school transportation pursuant to ss.
34 1006.09, 1006.13, and 1006.147, as appropriate.

35 4. Upon the school principal's determination that an
36 alleged incident is unsubstantiated, upon the resolution of
37 issues related to a substantiated incident, or within 15 days
38 after an incident was reported, whichever occurs first, the

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39 school principal shall report to the alleged victim's parent and
40 the alleged offender's parent the findings, outcome, or status
41 of the investigation. The school principal shall continue to
42 provide such reports to the parents of both students at least
43 every 15 days until the investigation is concluded and issues
44 associated with the incident are resolved.

45 5. If the school principal's investigation remains open
46 for more than 30 days after the date on which a substantiated
47 incident was reported or issues associated with the incident
48 remain unresolved, the school district shall notify the alleged
49 victim's parent of the availability of the program and all other
50 applicable school choice options, as well as services available
51 at the school for alleged victims of incidents listed in
52 paragraph (3) (a). The school principal shall also offer that
53 parent an opportunity to enroll his or her student in another
54 public school, a home education program, or the Florida Virtual
55 School, or to request and receive a scholarship to attend an
56 eligible private school, subject to available funding. A parent
57 who chooses to

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