

By Representative Trovillion

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to authority of school
3 principals; amending s. 232.26, F.S.; requiring
4 principals to report certain crimes and
5 delinquent acts to law enforcement agencies;
6 providing for cooperative agreements; providing
7 an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 232.26,
12 Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, to read:

13 232.26 Authority of principal.--

14 (5) The principal or the principal's designee shall
15 report to the appropriate law enforcement agency any felony,
16 or delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an
17 adult, that occurs on school property, during school
18 transportation, or during a school-sponsored activity during
19 which school personnel are responsible for students. The
20 principal or the principal's designee also shall report any
21 delinquent act that would be a misdemeanor if committed by an
22 adult that the school board and local law enforcement agency
23 specify in a signed cooperative agreement. A cooperative
24 agreement, once executed, must be reviewed annually and
25 modified as needed and must specify offenses that both parties
26 agree should be reported to promote a safe, orderly learning
27 environment for all students and staff.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires a school principal to report certain crimes and delinquent acts to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Provides for a cooperative agreement between a school board and law enforcement agency specifying offenses to be reported.