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By the Committee on Education Appropriations; and Senator Wise

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida School for the
3	Deaf and the Blind; amending s. 1002.36, F.S.;
4	authorizing the provision of education services
5	to district school boards upon request;
б	revising powers and duties of the Board of
7	Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf
8	and the Blind relating to requirements for
9	expenditure of certain funds; authorizing
10	campus police officers to enforce traffic laws;
11	deleting provisions authorizing bonding of
12	campus police officers; amending s. 1013.31,
13	F.S.; including reference to the Florida School
14	for the Deaf and the Blind in provisions
15	relating to educational plant surveys;
16	providing an effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2), paragraphs (e) and
21	(f) of subsection (4) , and paragraphs (b) and (d) of
22	subsection (8) of section 1002.36, Florida Statutes, are
23	amended to read:
24	1002.36 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
25	(1) RESPONSIBILITIESThe Florida School for the Deaf
26	and the Blind, located in St. Johns County, is a
27	state-supported residential public school for hearing-impaired
28	and visually impaired students in preschool through 12th
29	grade. The school is a component of the delivery of public
30	education within Florida's K-20 education system and shall be
31	funded through the Department of Education. The school shall
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1 provide educational programs and support services appropriate 2 to meet the education and related evaluation and counseling needs of hearing-impaired and visually impaired students in 3 the state who meet enrollment criteria. Unless otherwise 4 provided by law, the school shall comply with all laws and 5 6 rules applicable to state agencies. Education services may be 7 provided on an outreach basis for sensory-impaired children ages 0 through 5 years and to district school boards upon 8 request their parents. Graduates of the Florida School for the 9 Deaf and the Blind shall be eligible for the William L. Boyd, 10 IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program as provided in s. 11 12 1009.89. (2) MISSION.--The mission of the Florida School for 13 the Deaf and the Blind is to utilize all available talent, 14 energy, and resources to provide free appropriate public 15 education for eligible sensory-impaired students of Florida. 16 17 As a school of academic excellence, the school shall strive to 18 provide students an opportunity to access education services maximize their individual potential in a caring, safe, unique 19 learning environment to prepare them to be literate, 20 21 employable, and independent lifelong learners. The school 22 shall provide outreach services that include collaboration 23 with district school boards and shall encourage input from students, staff, parents, and the community. As a diverse 2.4 organization, the school shall foster respect and 25 26 understanding for each individual. 27 (4) BOARD OF TRUSTEES. --2.8 (e) The board of trustees is invested with full power 29 and authority to: 30 31 2

1 1. Appoint a president, faculty, teachers, and other 2 employees and remove the same as in its judgment may be best and fix their compensation. 3 4 2. Procure professional services, such as medical, mental health, architectural, and engineering. 5 6 3. Procure legal services without the prior written 7 approval of the Attorney General. 8 4. Determine eligibility of students and procedure for admission. 9 10 5. Provide for the students of the school necessary bedding, clothing, food, and medical attendance and such other 11 12 things as may be proper for the health and comfort of the 13 students without cost to their parents, except that the board of trustees may set tuition and other fees for nonresidents. 14 6. Provide for the proper keeping of accounts and 15 records and for budgeting of funds. 16 17 7. Enter into contracts. 8. Sue and be sued. 18 9. Secure public liability insurance. 19 10. Do and perform every other matter or thing 20 21 requisite to the proper management, maintenance, support, and 22 control of the school at the highest efficiency economically 23 possible, the board of trustees taking into consideration the purposes of the establishment. 2.4 25 11. Receive gifts, donations, and bequests of money or property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, from any 26 27 person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity. However, the 2.8 board of trustees may not obligate the state to any expenditure or policy that is not specifically authorized by 29 law. If the bill of sale, will, trust indenture, deed, or 30 other legal conveyance specifies terms and conditions 31

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1 concerning the use of such money or property, the board of 2 trustees shall observe such terms and conditions. 3 12. Deposit outside the State Treasury such moneys as 4 are received as gifts, donations, or bequests and may disburse and expend such moneys, upon its own warrant, for the use and 5 6 benefit of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and 7 its students, as the board of trustees deems to be in the best 8 interest of the school and its students. Such money or 9 property shall not constitute or be considered a part of any legislative appropriation, and such money shall not be used to 10 compensate any person for engaging in lobbying activities 11 12 before the House of Representatives or Senate or any committee 13 thereof. 13. Sell or convey by bill of sale, deed, or other 14 legal instrument any property, real or personal, received as a 15 gift, donation, or bequest, upon such terms and conditions as 16 17 the board of trustees deems to be in the best interest of the 18 school and its students. 14. Invest such moneys in securities enumerated under 19 s. 215.47(1), (2)(d), (3), (4), and (9), and in The Common 20 21 Fund, an Investment Management Fund exclusively for nonprofit 2.2 educational institutions. 23 (f) The board of trustees shall: 1. Prepare and submit legislative budget requests for 2.4 operations and fixed capital outlay, in accordance with 25 chapter 216 and ss. 1011.56 and 1013.60, to the Department of 26 27 Education for review and approval. The department must analyze 2.8 the amount requested for fixed capital outlay to determine if 29 the request is consistent with the school's campus master 30 plan, educational plant survey, and facilities master plan. 31

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1 2. Approve and administer an annual operating budget 2 in accordance with ss. 1011.56 and 1011.57. 3 3. Require all funds received other than gifts, donations, bequests, funds raised by or belonging to student 4 clubs or student organizations, and funds held for specific 5 6 students or in accounts for individual students to be 7 deposited in the State Treasury and expended as authorized in 8 the General Appropriations Act. 9 4. Require all purchases to be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 287 except for purchases made with funds 10 received as gifts, donations, or bequests, funds raised by or 11 12 belonging to student clubs or student organizations, or funds 13 held for specific students or in accounts for individual 14 students. 5. Administer and maintain personnel programs for all 15 employees of the board of trustees and the Florida School for 16 17 the Deaf and the Blind who shall be state employees, including the personnel classification and pay plan established in 18 accordance with ss. 110.205(2)(d) and 216.251(2)(a)2. for 19 academic and academic administrative personnel, the provisions 20 21 of chapter 110, and the provisions of law that grant authority 22 to the Department of Management Services over such programs 23 for state employees. 6. Give preference in appointment and retention in 2.4 positions of employment as provided within s. 295.07(1). 25 7. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the 26 27 Blind complies with s. 1013.351 concerning the coordination of 2.8 planning between the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind 29 and local governing bodies. 8. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the 30 Blind complies with s. 112.061 concerning per diem and travel 31 5

1 expenses of public officers, employees, and authorized persons 2 with respect to all funds other than funds received as gifts, donations, or bequests, funds raised by or belonging to 3 4 student clubs or student organizations, or funds held for 5 specific students or in accounts for individual students. б 9. Adopt a master plan which specifies the mission and 7 objectives of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. 8 The plan shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for 9 systematically measuring the school's progress toward meeting 10 its objectives, analyzing changes in the student population, and modifying school programs and services to respond to such 11 12 changes. The plan shall be for a period of 5 years and shall 13 be reviewed for needed modifications every 2 years. The board of trustees shall submit the initial plan and subsequent 14 modifications to the Speaker of the House of Representatives 15 and the President of the Senate. 16 17 10. Designate a portion of the school as "The Verle 18 Allyn Pope Complex for the Deaf," in tribute to the late Senator Verle Allyn Pope. 19 (8) CAMPUS POLICE.--20 21 (b) Each Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind 22 campus police officer is a law enforcement officer of the 23 state and a conservator of the peace who has the authority to arrest, in accordance with the laws of this state, any person 2.4 for a violation of state law or applicable county or municipal 25 26 ordinance if that violation occurs on or in any property or 27 facilities of the school. A campus police officer may also 2.8 arrest a person off campus for a violation committed on campus 29 after a hot pursuit of that person which began on campus. A campus police officer shall have full authority to bear arms 30 in the performance of the officer's duties and carry out a 31 6

1 search pursuant to a search warrant on the campus. Florida 2 School for the Deaf and the Blind campus police, upon request of the sheriff or local police authority, may serve subpoenas 3 or other legal process and may make arrests of persons against 4 5 whom arrest warrants have been issued or against whom charges 6 have been made for violations of federal or state laws or 7 county or municipal ordinances. Campus police officers shall have authority to enforce traffic laws within the boundaries 8 of the campus in accordance with s. 316.640. 9 10 (d) The campus police must meet the minimum standards established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training 11 12 Commission of the Department of Law Enforcement and chapter 13 943 for law enforcement officers. Each campus police officer must, before entering into the performance of the officer's 14 duties, take the oath of office established by the board of 15 16 trustees. The board of trustees may obtain and approve a bond 17 on each campus police officer, conditioned upon the officer's 18 faithful performance of the officer's duties, which bond must be payable to the Governor. The board of trustees may 19 determine the amount of the bond. In determining the amount of 20 21 the bond, the board may consider the amount of money or 22 property likely to be in the custody of the officer at any one 23 time. The board of trustees must provide a uniform set of identifying credentials to each campus police officer it 2.4 25 employs. Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 26 27 1013.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2.8 1013.31 Educational plant survey; localized need assessment; PECO project funding. --29 30 (1) At least every 5 years, each board shall arrange for an educational plant survey, to aid in formulating plans 31 7

1 for housing the educational program and student population, 2 faculty, administrators, staff, and auxiliary and ancillary services of the district or campus, including consideration of 3 the local comprehensive plan. The Office of Workforce and 4 Economic Development shall document the need for additional 5 6 career and adult education programs and the continuation of 7 existing programs before facility construction or renovation 8 related to career or adult education may be included in the educational plant survey of a school district or community 9 college that delivers career or adult education programs. 10 Information used by the Office of Workforce and Economic 11 12 Development to establish facility needs must include, but need 13 not be limited to, labor market data, needs analysis, and information submitted by the school district or community 14 15 college. (b) Required need assessment criteria for district, 16 17 community college, college and state university, and Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind plant surveys. -- Educational 18 plant surveys must use uniform data sources and criteria 19 specified in this paragraph. Each revised educational plant 20 21 survey and each new educational plant survey supersedes 22 previous surveys. 23 1. The school district's survey must be submitted as a part of the district educational facilities plan defined in s. 2.4 1013.35. To ensure that the data reported to the Department of 25 Education as required by this section is correct, the 26 27 department shall annually conduct an onsite review of 5 2.8 percent of the facilities reported for each school district 29 completing a new survey that year. If the department's review

30 finds the data reported by a district is less than 95 percent

31 accurate, within 1 year from the time of notification by the

1 department the district must submit revised reports correcting 2 its data. If a district fails to correct its reports, the commissioner may direct that future fixed capital outlay funds 3 be withheld until such time as the district has corrected its 4 reports so that they are not less than 95 percent accurate. 5 6 2. Each survey of a special facility, joint-use 7 facility, or cooperative career education facility must be based on capital outlay full-time equivalent student 8 enrollment data prepared by the department for school 9 districts, community colleges, colleges, and universities. A 10 survey of space needs of a joint-use facility shall be based 11 12 upon the respective space needs of the school districts, 13 community colleges, colleges, and universities, as appropriate. Projections of a school district's facility space 14 needs may not exceed the norm space and occupant design 15 16 criteria established by the State Requirements for Educational 17 Facilities. 3. Each community college's survey must reflect the 18 capacity of existing facilities as specified in the inventory 19 maintained by the Department of Education. Projections of 20 21 facility space needs must comply with standards for 22 determining space needs as specified by rule of the State 23 Board of Education. The 5-year projection of capital outlay student enrollment must be consistent with the annual report 2.4 of capital outlay full-time student enrollment prepared by the 25 Department of Education. 26 27 4. Each college and state university's survey must 2.8 reflect the capacity of existing facilities as specified in the inventory maintained and validated by the Division of 29 Colleges and Universities. Projections of facility space needs 30 must be consistent with standards for determining space needs 31

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1 approved by the Division of Colleges and Universities. The 2 projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student enrollment must be consistent with the 5-year planned 3 4 enrollment cycle for the State University System approved by the Division of Colleges and Universities. 5 б 5. The district educational facilities plan of a 7 school district and the educational plant survey of a 8 community college, or college or state university, or the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind may include space 9 needs that deviate from approved standards for determining 10 space needs if the deviation is justified by the district or 11 12 institution and approved by the department, as necessary for 13 the delivery of an approved educational program. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 14 15 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN 16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 17 Senate Bill 1014 18 Deletes proposed language providing that projections of 19 facility space needs for the appropriation of fixed capital outlay funds may exceed the norm space and occupant criteria 20 in the State Requirements for Educational Facilities. 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31