

By Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to notification of school personnel;
3 amending s. 985.04, F.S.; requiring that specified
4 school personnel be notified when a child of any age
5 is formally charged by a state attorney with a felony
6 or a delinquent act that would be a felony if
7 committed by an adult; providing 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
12 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.-

14 (4)

15 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) or any other provision of
16 this section, when a child of any age is formally charged by a
17 state attorney with a felony or a delinquent act that would be a
18 felony if committed by an adult, the state attorney shall notify
19 the superintendent of the child's school that the child has been
20 charged with such felony or delinquent act. The information
21 obtained by the superintendent of schools under this section
22 must be released within 48 hours after receipt to appropriate
23 school personnel, including the principal of the school of the
24 child and the director of transportation. The principal must
25 immediately notify the child's immediate classroom teachers, the
26 child's assigned bus driver, and any other school personnel
27 whose duties include direct supervision of the child. Upon
28 notification, the principal is authorized to begin disciplinary
29 actions under s. 1006.09(1)-(4).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.