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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 school
4 personnel be notified when a child of any age is formally
5 charged by a state attorney with a felony or a delinquent
6 act that would be a felony if committed by an adult;
7 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
16 of this section, when a child of any age is formally charged by
17 a state attorney with a felony or a delinquent act that would be
18 a felony if committed by an adult, the state attorney shall
19 notify the superintendent of the child's school that the child
20 has been charged with such felony or delinquent act. The
21 information obtained by the superintendent of schools under this
22 section must be released within 48 hours after receipt to
23 appropriate school personnel, including the principal of the
24 school of the child and the director of transportation. The
25 principal must immediately notify the child's immediate
26 classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. The director of
27 transportation shall immediately notify the child's assigned bus

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28 | driver. Upon notification, the principal is authorized to begin
29 | disciplinary actions under s. 1006.09(1)-(4).

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