

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Aronberg

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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 and the disposition of the
8 charges; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
13 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.-

15 (4)

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

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30 actions under s. 1006.09(1)-(4). The principal must also be
31 notified and must notify the other school personnel whose duties
32 include direct supervision of the child of the disposition of
33 the charges against the child.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.