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2 An act relating to district school board policies and  
3 procedures; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing  
4 legislative intent to recognize student academic  
5 achievement; encouraging each district school board to  
6 adopt policies and procedures that provide for an  
7 annual "Academic Scholarship Signing Day"; providing  
8 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. Subsection (14) is added to section 1001.43,  
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school  
15 board.—The district school board may exercise the following  
16 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or  
17 State Board of Education rule.

18 (14) RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.—

19 (a) The Legislature recognizes the importance of promoting  
20 student academic achievement, motivating students to attain  
21 academic achievement, and providing positive acknowledgment for  
22 that achievement. It is the intent of the Legislature that  
23 school districts bestow the same level of recognition to the  
24 state's academic scholars as to its athletic scholars.

25 (b) The district school board is encouraged to adopt  
26 policies and procedures to provide for a student "Academic  
27 Scholarship Signing Day" by declaring the third Tuesday in April  
28 each year as "Academic Scholarship Signing Day." The "Academic  
29 Scholarship Signing Day" shall recognize the outstanding

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30 academic achievement of high school seniors who sign a letter of  
31 intent to accept an academic scholarship offered to the student  
32 by a postsecondary educational institution. District school  
33 board policies and procedures may include, but need not be  
34 limited to, conducting assemblies or other appropriate public  
35 events in which students offered academic scholarships assemble  
36 and sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting those  
37 scholarships. The district school board may encourage holding  
38 such events in an assembly or gathering of the entire student  
39 body as a means of making academic success and recognition  
40 visible to all students.

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