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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the code of student conduct;  
3       amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring the district  
4       school board to include in the code of student conduct  
5       adopted by the board an explanation of the  
6       responsibilities of each student with regard to  
7       appropriate dress and respect for self and others, and  
8       the role that appropriate dress and respect for self  
9       and others has on an orderly learning environment;  
10      requiring each district school board to adopt a dress  
11      code policy that prohibits a student, while on the  
12      grounds of a public school during the regular school  
13      day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or  
14      body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that  
15      disrupts the orderly learning environment; providing  
16      disciplinary actions for students who violate the  
17      dress code; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; providing that  
18      adherence to appropriate dress and other codes of  
19      student conduct is a prerequisite for a student to be  
20      eligible to participate in interscholastic  
21      extracurricular student activities; reenacting s.  
22      1002.23(7), F.S., relating to a parent guide to  
23      successful student achievement to be adopted by each  
24      school district board, to incorporate the amendment  
25      made to s. 1006.07, F.S., in a reference thereto;  
26      providing an effective date.

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28   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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30 Section 1. Present paragraphs (d) through (l) of subsection  
31 (2) of section s. 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
32 paragraphs (e) through (m), respectively, and a new paragraph  
33 (d) is added to that subsection to read:

34 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
35 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
36 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
37 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
38 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
39 welfare of students, including:

40 (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student  
41 conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for  
42 middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to  
43 all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the  
44 beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and  
45 written in language that is understandable to students and  
46 parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school  
47 year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and  
48 parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each  
49 code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and  
50 discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be  
51 made available in the student handbook or similar publication.  
52 Each code shall include, but is not limited to:

53 (d)1. An explanation of the responsibilities of each  
54 student with regard to appropriate dress, respect for self and  
55 others, and the role that appropriate dress and respect for self  
56 and others has on an orderly learning environment. Each district  
57 school board shall adopt a dress code policy that prohibits a  
58 student, while on the grounds of a public school during the

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59 regular school day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear  
60 or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts  
61 the orderly learning environment.

62 2. Any student who violates the dress policy described in  
63 subparagraph 1. is subject to the following disciplinary  
64 actions:

65 a. For a first offense, a student will be given a verbal  
66 warning and the school principal shall call the student's parent  
67 or guardian.

68 b. For a second offense, the student will be ineligible to  
69 participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time  
70 not to exceed 5 days and the school principal shall meet with  
71 the student's parent or guardian.

72 c. For a third offense or subsequent offense, a student  
73 will receive an in-school suspension pursuant to s.  
74 1003.01(5)(b) for a period of time not to exceed 3 days, the  
75 student will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular  
76 activity for a period of time not to exceed 30 days, and the  
77 school principal shall call the student's parent or guardian and  
78 send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the  
79 student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate  
80 in extracurricular activities.

81 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
82 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

83 1006.15 Student standards for participation in  
84 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student  
85 activities; regulation.—

86 (3) (a) To be eligible to participate in interscholastic  
87 extracurricular student activities, a student must:

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88 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0  
89 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a  
90 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,  
91 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1).

92 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic  
93 performance contract between the student, the district school  
94 board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's  
95 parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls  
96 below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses  
97 required by s. 1003.43(1) or, for students who entered the 9th  
98 grade prior to the 1997-1998 school year, if the student's  
99 cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale,  
100 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1)  
101 which ~~that~~ are taken after July 1, 1997. At a minimum, the  
102 contract must require that the student attend summer school, or  
103 its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and  
104 11, as necessary.

105 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on  
106 a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.  
107 1003.43(1) during his or her junior or senior year.

108 4. Maintain satisfactory conduct, including adherence to  
109 appropriate dress and other codes of student conduct policies  
110 described in s. 1006.07(2). ~~and,~~ If a student is convicted of,  
111 or is found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act that  
112 ~~which~~ would have been a felony if committed by an adult,  
113 regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the student's  
114 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is  
115 contingent upon established and published district school board  
116 policy.

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117 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
118 made by this act to section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, in a  
119 reference thereto, subsection (7) of section 1002.23, Florida  
120 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

121 1002.23 Family and School Partnership for Student  
122 Achievement Act.—

123 (7) Each school district shall develop and disseminate a  
124 parent guide to successful student achievement, consistent with  
125 the guidelines of the Department of Education, which addresses  
126 what parents need to know about their child's educational  
127 progress and how parents can help their child to succeed in  
128 school. The guide must:

129 (a) Be understandable to students and parents;

130 (b) Be distributed to all parents, students, and school  
131 personnel at the beginning of each school year;

132 (c) Be discussed at the beginning of each school year in  
133 meetings of students, parents, and teachers;

134 (d) Include information concerning services, opportunities,  
135 choices, academic standards, and student assessment; and

136 (e) Provide information on the importance of student health  
137 and available immunizations and vaccinations, including, but not  
138 limited to:

139 1. A recommended immunization schedule in accordance with  
140 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
141 recommendations.

142 2. Detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms, and  
143 transmission of meningococcal disease and the availability,  
144 effectiveness, known contraindications, and appropriate age for  
145 the administration of any required or recommended vaccine

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146 against meningococcal disease, in accordance with the  
147 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
148 Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
149 Prevention.

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151 The parent guide may be included as a part of the code of  
152 student conduct that is required in s. 1006.07(2).

153 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.