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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to notification of school personnel; amending s. 985.04, F.S.; requiring that specified school personnel be notified when a child of any age is formally charged by a state attorney with a felony or a delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult; providing an effective date.

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

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

985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.-

14 (4)

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) or any other provision of this section, when a child of any age is formally charged by a state attorney with a felony or a delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, the state attorney shall notify the superintendent of the child's school that the child has been charged with such felony or delinquent act. The information obtained by the superintendent of schools under this section must be released within 48 hours after receipt to appropriate school personnel, including the principal of the school of the child and the director of transportation. The principal must immediately notify the child's immediate classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. The director of transportation shall immediately notify the child's assigned bus

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

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