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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bullying or harassment; amending s.
3 1006.147, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education
4 to create a stand-alone model policy designed to
5 protect students from bullying and harassment;
6 providing criteria; requiring that each public K-12
7 educational institution designate a school employee as
8 counselor for any student suffering from bullying or
9 harassment; requiring the Department of Education to
10 approve and produce training materials; requiring the
11 department to provide the materials at no cost to
12 public K-12 educational institutions; providing an
13 effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Present subsections (8), (9), and (10) of
18 section 1006.147, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
19 subsections (11), (12), and (13), respectively, and new
20 subsections (8), (9), and (10) are added to that section, to
21 read:

22 1006.147 Bullying and harassment prohibited.—

23 (8) The department shall create a stand-alone model policy
24 designed to protect students from bullying or harassment. The
25 model policy shall include:

26 (a) A curriculum for pre-K through 12;

27 (b) Instruction on awareness for parents and all school
28 staff;

29 (c) Investigation and resolution by the school

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30 administration or their designee of bullying or harassment that
31 occurs off school grounds using nonschool technology, but has
32 such negative impact on the school environment as to create a
33 safety risk between students in conflict;

34 (d) The prominent display of posters at schools and
35 advertisements on school and district websites of the importance
36 of Internet safety and how to report bullying and harassment;
37 and

38 (e) A procedure for immediate notification to parents of
39 the consequences of bullying and harassment and the availability
40 of counseling resources.

41 (9) Each public K-12 educational institution shall
42 designate a school employee to serve as a counselor for any
43 student suffering from bullying or harassment.

44 (10) The department shall approve and produce materials
45 that are used to train designated school employees as counselors
46 for students suffering from bullying or harassment. The
47 department shall provide the materials to each public K-12
48 educational institution at no cost.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.