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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to background screening for
3 noninstructional contractors on school grounds;
4 amending s. 1012.467, F.S.; requiring the Department
5 of Education to create a uniform, statewide
6 identification badge to be worn by noninstructional
7 contractors signifying that a contractor has met
8 specified requirements; requiring school districts to
9 issue the identification badge to a qualified
10 contractor; providing that the identification badge
11 shall be recognized by all school districts; providing
12 that the identification badge is valid for 5 years;
13 establishing conditions for return of an
14 identification badge; requiring the department to
15 determine a uniform cost a school district may charge
16 a contractor for receipt of the identification badge,
17 which shall be borne by the contractor; providing an
18 exception for certain contractors; providing an
19 effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 1012.467,
24 Florida Statutes, to read:

25 1012.467 Noninstructional contractors who are permitted
26 access to school grounds when students are present; background
27 screening requirements.—

28 (8) (a) The Department of Education shall create a uniform,
29 statewide identification badge to be worn by noninstructional

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30 contractors signifying that a contractor has met the
31 requirements of this section. The school district shall issue an
32 identification badge to the contractor, which must bear a
33 photograph of the contractor. An identification badge shall be
34 issued if the contractor:

35 1. Is a resident and citizen of the United States or a
36 permanent resident alien of the United States as determined by
37 the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration
38 Services;

39 2. Is 18 years of age or older; and

40 3. Meets the background screening requirements under this
41 section.

42 (b) The uniform, statewide identification badge shall be
43 recognized by all school districts and must be visible at all
44 times a noninstructional contractor is on school grounds.

45 (c) The identification badge shall be valid for a period of
46 5 years. If a noninstructional contractor provides notification
47 pursuant to subsection (6), the contractor shall, within 48
48 hours, return the identification badge to the school district
49 that issued the badge.

50 (d) The Department of Education shall determine a uniform
51 cost that a school district may charge a noninstructional
52 contractor for receipt of the identification badge, which shall
53 be borne by the recipient of the badge.

54 (e) This subsection does not apply to noninstructional
55 contractors who are exempt from background screening
56 requirements pursuant to s. 1012.468.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.