

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to powers and duties of district
3 school boards; amending s. 1001.41, F.S.; requiring a
4 district school board to exercise its general powers
5 after considering recommendations made by a school
6 board member; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; authorizing a
7 district school board to set an opening date for
8 schools in the district to accommodate the completion
9 of student classwork and assessments before a
10 specified day; providing additional purposes for which
11 an internal auditor may be employed; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 1001.41, Florida Statutes, is amended
17 to read:

18 1001.41 General powers of district school board.—The
19 district school board, after considering recommendations
20 submitted by the district school superintendent or made by a
21 member of the district school board, shall exercise the
22 following general powers:

23 (1) Determine policies and programs consistent with state
24 law and rule deemed necessary by it for the efficient operation
25 and general improvement of the district school system.

26 (2) Adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to
27 implement the provisions of law conferring duties upon it to
28 supplement those prescribed by the State Board of Education and

29 | the Commissioner of Education.

30 | (3) Prescribe and adopt standards and policies to provide
31 | each student the opportunity to receive a complete education
32 | program, including language arts, mathematics, science, social
33 | studies, health, physical education, foreign languages, and the
34 | arts, as defined by the Sunshine State Standards. The standards
35 | and policies must emphasize integration and reinforcement of
36 | reading, writing, and mathematics skills across all subjects,
37 | including career awareness, career exploration, and career and
38 | technical education.

39 | (4) Contract, sue, and be sued. The district school board
40 | shall constitute the contracting agent for the district school
41 | system.

42 | (5) Perform duties and exercise those responsibilities
43 | that are assigned to it by law or by rules of the State Board of
44 | Education or the Commissioner of Education and, in addition
45 | thereto, those that it may find to be necessary for the
46 | improvement of the district school system in carrying out the
47 | purposes and objectives of the education code.

48 | (6) Assign students to schools.

49 | (7) Enter into agreements for accepting credit card,
50 | charge card, and debit card payments as compensation for goods,
51 | services, tuition, and fees, as authorized by law.

52 | Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) and paragraph
53 | (1) of subsection (12) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, are
54 | amended to read:

55 | 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
56 | district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all

57 powers and perform all duties listed below:

58 (4) ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF
 59 SCHOOLS.—Adopt and provide for the execution of plans for the
 60 establishment, organization, and operation of the schools of the
 61 district, including, but not limited to, the following:

62 (f) Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date.—
 63 Adopt policies for the opening and closing of schools and fix
 64 uniform dates; however, ~~beginning with the 2007-2008 school~~
 65 ~~year,~~ the opening date for schools in the district may not be
 66 earlier than 14 days before Labor Day each year. However, a
 67 district school board may advance the opening date for schools
 68 in the district by up to 5 school days if students complete all
 69 of their classwork and assessments for the first semester before
 70 Christmas Day.

71 (12) FINANCE.—Take steps to assure students adequate
 72 educational facilities through the financial procedure
 73 authorized in chapters 1010 and 1011 and as prescribed below:

74 (1) Internal auditor.—May employ an internal auditor to
 75 perform ongoing financial verification of the financial records
 76 of the school district and such other audits and reviews as the
 77 district school board directs for the purpose of overseeing
 78 school district resources and determining compliance with
 79 applicable laws and district school board-approved policies,
 80 procedures, and contracts. The internal auditor shall report
 81 directly to the district school board or its designee.

82 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.