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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Diaz, M. offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove line 357 and insert:

5 Section 7. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
6 paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1001.43, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school  
9 board.—The district school board may exercise the following  
10 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or  
11 State Board of Education rule.

12 (1) STUDENT MANAGEMENT.—The district school board may  
13 adopt programs and policies to ensure the safety and welfare of  
14 individuals, the student body, and school personnel, which

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15 programs and policies may:

16 (b)1. Require that the attire uniforms to be worn by the  
17 student body conform to a standard student attire policy that  
18 prohibits certain types or styles of clothing and requires solid  
19 colored clothing and fabrics for pants, skirts, shorts, or  
20 similar clothing and short or long sleeved shirts with collars.  
21 The policy may authorize a small logo but may not authorize a  
22 motto or slogan. The purpose of a standard student attire policy  
23 is to provide a safe environment that fosters learning and  
24 improves school safety and discipline by:

25 a. Encouraging students to express their individuality  
26 through personality and academic achievements, rather than  
27 outward appearance.

28 b. Enabling students to focus on academics, rather than  
29 fashion, because they are able to project a neat, serious, and  
30 studious image.

31 c. Minimizing disciplinary problems because students are  
32 not distracted by clothing.

33 d. Reducing the time needed to correct dress code  
34 violations through a readily available inventory of compliant  
35 attire.

36 e. Minimizing visible differences and eliminating social  
37 pressures to wear brand name clothing or "gang colors," thereby  
38 easing financial pressures on parents and enhancing school  
39 safety.

40 f. Creating a sense of school pride and belonging.

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42 A district school board may implement a standard student attire  
43 policy as part of an overall program to foster and promote  
44 desirable school operating conditions and a safe and supportive  
45 educational environment. A standard student attire policy must  
46 allow a parent to opt his or her student out of the policy for  
47 religious purposes or by reason of a disability. A district  
48 school board that implements a districtwide standard student  
49 attire policy for all students in at least kindergarten through  
50 eighth grade is immune from civil liability resulting from  
51 adoption of the policy in accordance with this paragraph, ~~or~~  
52 ~~impose other dress-related requirements, if the district school~~  
53 ~~board finds that those requirements are necessary for the safety~~  
54 ~~or welfare of the student body or school personnel. However,~~  
55 Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear  
56 while outdoors during school hours, such as when students are at  
57 recess.

58 2. This paragraph may be cited as the "Students Attired  
59 for Education (SAFE) Act."

60 Section 8. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
61 paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1003.57, Florida  
62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63 1003.57 Exceptional students instruction.—

64 (1)

65 (b) Each district school board shall provide for an  
66 appropriate program of special instruction, facilities, and

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67 services for exceptional students as prescribed by the State  
68 Board of Education as acceptable. Each district program must,  
69 ~~including provisions that:~~

70 1. ~~The district school board~~ Provide the necessary  
71 professional services for diagnosis and evaluation of  
72 exceptional students. At least once every 3 years, the district  
73 school board must submit to the department its proposed  
74 procedures for the provision of special instruction and services  
75 for exceptional students.

76 2. ~~The district school board~~ Provide the special  
77 instruction, classes, and services, either within the district  
78 school system, in cooperation with other district school  
79 systems, or through contractual arrangements with approved  
80 private schools or community facilities that meet standards  
81 established by the commissioner.

82 3. ~~The district school board~~ Annually provide information  
83 describing the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and all  
84 other programs and methods of instruction available to the  
85 parent of a sensory-impaired student.

86 4. Provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized  
87 students in accordance with this section and rules adopted by  
88 the state board, which must establish, at a minimum, the  
89 following:

90 a. Criteria for the eligibility of K-12 homebound or  
91 hospitalized students for specially designed instruction.

92 b. Procedures for determining student eligibility.

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93 c. A list of appropriate methods for providing instruction  
94 to homebound or hospitalized students.

95 d. Requirements for providing instructional services for a  
96 homebound or hospitalized student once the student is determined  
97 to be eligible. Eligible students receiving treatment in a  
98 children's specialty hospital licensed under part I of chapter  
99 395 must be provided educational instruction from the school  
100 district in which the hospital is located until the school  
101 district in which the hospital is located enters into an  
102 agreement with the school district in which the student resides.  
103 The department shall develop a standard agreement for use by  
104 school districts to provide seamless educational instruction to  
105 students who transition between school districts while receiving  
106 treatment in the children's specialty hospital.

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108 No later than August 15, 2015, each school district in which a  
109 children's specialty hospital licensed under part I of chapter  
110 395 is located shall enter into an agreement with the hospital  
111 that establishes a process by which the hospital must notify the  
112 school district of students who may be eligible for instruction  
113 consistent with this subparagraph and the timelines for  
114 determining student eligibility and providing educational  
115 instruction to eligible students ~~The district school board, once~~  
116 ~~every 3 years, submit to the department its proposed procedures~~  
117 ~~for the provision of special instruction and services for~~  
118 ~~exceptional students.~~

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119 Section 9. Subsection (16) is added to section 1011.62,  
120 Florida Statutes, to read:

121 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
122 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
123 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
124 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
125 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
126 follows:

127 (16) SAFE SCHOOLS ALLOCATION.—A safe schools allocation is  
128 created to provide funding for allowable safe schools  
129 activities. Each school district shall receive a minimum safe  
130 schools allocation in an amount provided in the General  
131 Appropriations Act. Of the remaining funds provided in the  
132 General Appropriations Act for safe schools activities, two-  
133 thirds shall be allocated among the school districts based on  
134 each district's proportionate share of Total Index Crime for  
135 Florida by county reported by the Department of Law Enforcement  
136 in its most recent Uniform Crime Reports offense data and one-  
137 third shall be allocated based on each district's proportionate  
138 share of the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent  
139 student enrollment. Allowable safe schools activities shall be  
140 provided in the General Appropriations Act. The department shall  
141 monitor compliance with the reporting procedures of ss. 1006.09  
142 and 1006.147. If a school district does not comply with the  
143 reporting procedures, the school district's funds from the safe  
144 schools allocation shall be withheld and reallocated to other

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145 school districts. Each school district shall report to the  
146 Department of Education the amount of funds expended for each of  
147 the allowable safe schools activities.

148 Section 10. Section 1011.6202, Florida Statutes, is  
149 created to read:

150 1011.6202 Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative.—The  
151 Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative is created within  
152 the Department of Education. The purpose of the pilot program is  
153 to provide the principal of a participating school with  
154 increased autonomy and authority to operate his or her school in  
155 a way that produces significant improvements in student  
156 achievement and school management while complying with  
157 constitutional requirements. The State Board of Education may,  
158 upon approval of a principal autonomy proposal, enter into a  
159 performance contract with up to six district school boards for  
160 participation in the program.

161 (1) PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—A Florida school  
162 district may submit to the state board for approval a principal  
163 autonomy proposal that exchanges statutory and rule exemptions  
164 for an agreement to meet performance goals established in the  
165 proposal. If approved by the state board, the school district  
166 shall be eligible to participate in the program for 3 years. At  
167 the end of the 3 years, the performance of all participating  
168 schools in the school district shall be evaluated.

169 (2) PRINCIPAL AUTONOMY PROPOSAL.—

170 (a) To participate in the program, a school district must:

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171 1. Identify three middle or high schools whose principals  
172 will have fiscal and administrative autonomy.

173 2. Describe the current financial and administrative  
174 management of each participating school; identify the areas in  
175 which each school principal will have increased fiscal and  
176 administrative autonomy, including the authority and  
177 responsibilities provided in s. 1012.28(8); and identify the  
178 areas in which each participating school will continue to follow  
179 district school board fiscal and administrative policies.

180 3. Explain the methods used to identify the educational  
181 strengths and needs of the participating school's students and  
182 identify how student achievement can be improved.

183 4. Establish performance goals for student achievement, as  
184 defined in s. 1008.34(1), and explain how the increased autonomy  
185 of principals will help participating schools improve student  
186 achievement and school management.

187 5. Provide each participating school's mission and a  
188 description of its student population.

189 (b) The state board shall establish criteria, which must  
190 include the criteria listed in paragraph (a), for the approval  
191 of a principal autonomy proposal.

192 (c) A school district must submit its principal autonomy  
193 proposal to the state board for approval by December 1 in order  
194 to begin participation in the subsequent school year. By  
195 February 28 of the school year in which the proposal is  
196 submitted, the state board shall notify the district school

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197 board in writing whether the proposal is approved.

198 (3) EXEMPTION FROM LAWS.—

199 (a) With the exception of those laws listed in paragraph  
200 (b), a participating school district is exempt from the  
201 provisions of chapters 1000-1013 and rules of the state board  
202 that implement those exempt provisions.

203 (b) A participating school district shall comply with the  
204 provisions of chapters 1000-1013, and rules of the state board  
205 that implement those provisions, pertaining to the following:

206 1. Those laws relating to the election and compensation of  
207 district school board members, the election or appointment and  
208 compensation of district school superintendents, public meetings  
209 and public records requirements, financial disclosure, and  
210 conflicts of interest.

211 2. Those laws relating to the student assessment program  
212 and school grading system, including chapter 1008.

213 3. Those laws relating to the provision of services to  
214 students with disabilities.

215 4. Those laws relating to civil rights, including s.  
216 1000.05, relating to discrimination.

217 5. Those laws relating to student health, safety, and  
218 welfare.

219 6. Section 1001.42(4)(f), relating to the uniform opening  
220 date for public schools.

221 7. Section 1003.03, governing maximum class size, except  
222 that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s. 1003.03 is

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223 the average at the school level for a participating school.

224 8. Sections 1012.22(1)(c) and 1012.27(2), relating to  
225 compensation and salary schedules.

226 9. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions  
227 for annual contracts for instructional personnel. This  
228 subparagraph does not apply to at-will employees.

229 10. Section 1012.335, relating to annual contracts for  
230 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011. This  
231 subparagraph does not apply to at-will employees.

232 11. Section 1012.34, relating to personnel evaluation  
233 procedures and criteria.

234 12. Those laws pertaining to educational facilities,  
235 including chapter 1013, except that s. 1013.20, relating to  
236 covered walkways for relocatables, and s. 1013.21, relating to  
237 the use of relocatable facilities exceeding 20 years of age, are  
238 eligible for exemption.

239 13. Those laws pertaining to participating school  
240 districts, including this section and ss. 1011.64(2)(b),  
241 1011.69(2), 1012.28(8), and 1012.986(1)(e).

242 (4) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—Each participating school  
243 district shall require that the principal of each participating  
244 school complete professional development provided through the  
245 William Cecil Golden Professional Development Program for School  
246 Leaders under s. 1012.986. The professional development must be  
247 completed before a school may participate in the Principal  
248 Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative.

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249       (5) TERM OF PARTICIPATION.—The state board shall authorize  
250 a school district to participate in the program for a period of  
251 3 years commencing with approval of the principal autonomy  
252 proposal. Authorization to participate in the program may be  
253 renewed upon action of the state board. The state board may  
254 revoke authorization to participate in the program if the school  
255 district fails to meet the requirements of this section during  
256 the 3-year period.

257       (6) REPORTING.—Each participating school district shall  
258 submit an annual report to the state board. The state board  
259 shall annually report on the implementation of the Principal  
260 Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative. Upon completion of the  
261 program's first 3-year term, the Commissioner of Education shall  
262 submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
263 House of Representatives by December 1 a full evaluation of the  
264 effectiveness of the program.

265       (7) RULEMAKING.—The State Board of Education shall adopt  
266 rules to administer this section.

267       Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
268 1011.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

269       1011.64 School district minimum classroom expenditure  
270 requirements.—

271       (2) For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this  
272 section, the Legislature shall prescribe minimum academic  
273 performance standards and minimum classroom expenditure  
274 requirements for districts not meeting such minimum academic

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275 performance standards in the General Appropriations Act.

276 (b) School district minimum classroom expenditure  
277 requirements shall be calculated pursuant to subsection (3) and  
278 may include training pursuant to s. 1012.986(1)(e).

279 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 1011.69, Florida  
280 Statutes, is amended to read:

281 1011.69 Equity in School-Level Funding Act.—

282 (2) Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, district  
283 school boards shall allocate to schools within the district an  
284 average of 90 percent of the funds generated by all schools and  
285 guarantee that each school receives at least 80 percent, except  
286 schools participating in the Principal Autonomy Pilot Program  
287 Initiative under s. 1011.6202 are guaranteed to receive at least  
288 90 percent, of the funds generated by that school based upon the  
289 Florida Education Finance Program as provided in s. 1011.62 and  
290 the General Appropriations Act, including gross state and local  
291 funds, discretionary lottery funds, and funds from the school  
292 district's current operating discretionary millage levy. Total  
293 funding for each school shall be recalculated during the year to  
294 reflect the revised calculations under the Florida Education  
295 Finance Program by the state and the actual weighted full-time  
296 equivalent students reported by the school during the full-time  
297 equivalent student survey periods designated by the Commissioner  
298 of Education. If the district school board is providing programs  
299 or services to students funded by federal funds, any eligible  
300 students enrolled in the schools in the district shall be

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301 provided federal funds.

302 Section 13. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
303 section 1011.78, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

304 1011.78 Standard student attire school district incentive  
305 payments.—There is created an incentive payment for school  
306 districts that implement a districtwide standard student attire  
307 policy in accordance with the Students Attired for Education  
308 (SAFE) Act created in s. 1001.43(1)(b). Subject to funding  
309 provided in the General Appropriations Act, qualified school  
310 districts shall receive an award of \$10 per student in  
311 kindergarten through grade 8. Before the release of funds, and  
312 no later than September 1 of each year, the district school  
313 superintendent shall certify to the Commissioner of Education  
314 that the district school board has implemented a districtwide  
315 standard student attire policy in accordance with s.  
316 1001.43(1)(b). The commissioner shall make payment of awards to  
317 school districts in the order in which certifications from the  
318 district school superintendents are received. As of June 30 of  
319 each year, any funds provided pursuant to this section that have  
320 not been disbursed to qualified school districts shall revert to  
321 the fund from which they were appropriated pursuant to s.  
322 216.301.

323 Section 14. Subsection (8) is added to section 1012.28,  
324 Florida Statutes, to read:

325 1012.28 Public school personnel; duties of school  
326 principals.—

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327 (8) The principal of a participating school in a  
328 participating school district approved under s. 1011.6202 has  
329 the following additional authority and responsibilities:

330 (a) In addition to the authority provided in subsection  
331 (6), the authority to select qualified instructional personnel  
332 for placement or to refuse to accept the placement or transfer  
333 of instructional personnel by the district school  
334 superintendent. Placement of instructional personnel at a  
335 participating school in a participating school district does not  
336 affect the employee's status as a school district employee.

337 (b) The authority to deploy financial resources to school  
338 programs at the principal's discretion to help improve student  
339 achievement, as defined in s. 1008.34(1), and meet performance  
340 goals identified in the principal autonomy proposal submitted  
341 pursuant to s. 1011.6202.

342 (c) To annually provide to the district school  
343 superintendent and the district school board a budget for the  
344 operation of the participating school that identifies how funds  
345 provided pursuant to s. 1011.69(2) are allocated. The school  
346 district shall include the budget in the annual report provided  
347 to the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1011.6202(6).

348 Section 15. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of  
349 section 1012.986, Florida Statutes, to read:

350 1012.986 William Cecil Golden Professional Development  
351 Program for School Leaders.-

352 (1) There is established the William Cecil Golden

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353 Professional Development Program for School Leaders to provide  
 354 high standards and sustained support for principals as  
 355 instructional leaders. The program shall consist of a  
 356 collaborative network of state and national professional  
 357 leadership organizations to respond to instructional leadership  
 358 needs throughout the state. The network shall support the human-  
 359 resource development needs of principals, principal leadership  
 360 teams, and candidates for principal leadership positions using  
 361 the framework of leadership standards adopted by the State Board  
 362 of Education, the Southern Regional Education Board, and the  
 363 National Staff Development Council. The goal of the network  
 364 leadership program is to:

365 (e) For principals of schools participating in the  
 366 Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative under s. 1011.6202,  
 367 provide training on the following:

368 1. Managing instructional personnel, including developing  
 369 a high-performing instructional leadership team.

370 2. Public school budgeting, financial management, and  
 371 human resources policies and procedures.

372 3. Best practices for the effective exercise of increased  
 373 budgetary and staffing flexibility to improve student  
 374 achievement and operational efficiency.

375 Section 16. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 376 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 46 and insert:  
teaching certificates; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.;  
authorizing district school boards to adopt a standard  
student attire policy; establishing criteria for and  
the purpose of the policy; providing immunity from  
civil liability for district school boards that  
implement a standard student attire policy under  
certain conditions; designating a specific paragraph  
as the "Students Attired for Education (SAFE) Act";  
amending s. 1003.57, F.S.; requiring school districts  
to provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized  
students; requiring the State Board of Education to  
adopt rules for student eligibility, methods of  
providing instruction to homebound or hospitalized  
students, and initiation of services; requiring  
certain school districts to enter into an agreement  
with certain children's specialty hospitals to  
establish certain processes and timelines relating to  
the instruction of homebound or hospitalized students;  
amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; creating a safe schools  
allocation to provide funding to school districts for  
certain safe schools activities; providing for the  
withholding of a district's safe schools funding for  
failure to comply with certain reporting requirements  
with respect to school safety and student discipline;

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405 creating s. 1011.6202, F.S.; creating the Principal  
406 Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative; providing a  
407 procedure for a school district to participate in the  
408 program; providing requirements for participating  
409 school districts and schools; exempting participating  
410 schools from certain laws and rules; requiring  
411 principals of participating schools to complete a  
412 specific professional development program; providing  
413 for the term of participation in the program;  
414 providing for renewal or revocation of authorization  
415 to participate in the program; providing for reporting  
416 and rulemaking; amending s. 1011.64, F.S.; providing  
417 that certain training may be included in school  
418 district minimum classroom expenditure requirements;  
419 amending s. 1011.69, F.S.; requiring district school  
420 boards participating in the Principal Autonomy Pilot  
421 Program Initiative to allocate a specified percentage  
422 of certain funds to participating schools; creating s.  
423 1011.78, F.S.; providing for incentive payments to  
424 school districts that implement standard student  
425 attire policies; providing eligibility for and the  
426 amount of the incentive payments; providing for annual  
427 reversion of undisbursed funds; amending s. 1012.28,  
428 F.S.; providing additional authority and  
429 responsibilities of the principal of a school  
430 participating in the Principal Autonomy Pilot Program

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431 Initiative; amending s. 1012.986, F.S.; specifying the  
432 contents of a specific professional development  
433 program for certain school principals; providing  
434 effective dates.

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