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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to district school boards; amending s.
3 1001.41, F.S.; requiring district school boards to
4 adopt a strategic plan; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.;
5 revising standards of ethical conduct for
6 instructional personnel and school administrators to
7 apply to certain administrative personnel and school
8 officers; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 1001.41,
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 1001.41 General powers of district school board.—The
15 district school board, after considering recommendations
16 submitted by the district school superintendent, shall exercise
17 the following general powers:

18 (8) Adopt a strategic plan consistent with the school
19 board's mission and long-term goals.

20 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 1001.42, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
23 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
24 powers and perform all duties listed below:

25 (6) STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL
26 PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, AND SCHOOL OFFICERS
27 ADMINISTRATORS.—Adopt policies establishing standards of ethical
28 conduct for instructional personnel and school administrators.
29 The policies must require all instructional personnel,

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30 administrative personnel and ~~school administrators~~, and school
31 officers, as defined in s. 1012.01, to complete training on the
32 standards; establish the duty of instructional personnel,
33 administrative personnel, and school officers ~~administrators~~ to
34 report, and procedures for reporting, alleged misconduct by
35 other instructional or administrative personnel and school
36 officers ~~school administrators~~ which affects the health, safety,
37 or welfare of a student; and include an explanation of the
38 liability protections provided under ss. 39.203 and 768.095. A
39 district school board, or any of its employees, may not enter
40 into a confidentiality agreement regarding terminated or
41 dismissed instructional or administrative personnel or school
42 officers ~~administrators~~, or personnel, ~~or~~ administrators, or
43 school officers who resign in lieu of termination, based in
44 whole or in part on misconduct that affects the health, safety,
45 or welfare of a student, and may not provide instructional or
46 administrative personnel or school officers ~~administrators~~ with
47 employment references or discuss the personnel's or school
48 officers' ~~administrators'~~ performance with prospective employers
49 in another educational setting, without disclosing the
50 personnel's or school officers' ~~administrators'~~ misconduct. Any
51 part of an agreement or contract that has the purpose or effect
52 of concealing misconduct by instructional or administrative
53 personnel or school officers ~~administrators~~ which affects the
54 health, safety, or welfare of a student is void, is contrary to
55 public policy, and may not be enforced.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.