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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 505 and 506

insert:

Section 2. Section 1006.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.061 Child abuse, abandonment, and neglect policy.—Each district school board, charter school, and private school that accepts scholarship students under s. 1002.39 or s. 1002.395 shall:

(1) Post in a prominent place in each school a notice that,



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12 pursuant to chapter 39, all employees and agents of the district
13 school board, charter school, or private school have an
14 affirmative duty to report all actual or suspected cases of
15 child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; have immunity from
16 liability if they report such cases in good faith; and have a
17 duty to comply with child protective investigations and all
18 other provisions of law relating to child abuse, abandonment,
19 and neglect. The notice shall also include the statewide toll-
20 free telephone number of the central abuse hotline.

21 (2) Post in a prominent place at each school site and on
22 each school's Internet website, if available, the policies and
23 procedures for reporting alleged misconduct by instructional
24 personnel or school administrators which affects the health,
25 safety, or welfare of a student; the contact person to whom the
26 report is made; and the penalties imposed on instructional
27 personnel or school administrators who fail to report suspected
28 or actual child abuse or alleged misconduct by other
29 instructional personnel or school administrators.

30 (3) Require the principal of the charter school or private
31 school, or the district school superintendent, or the
32 superintendent's designee, at the request of the Department of
33 Children and Families, to act as a liaison to the Department of
34 Children and Families and the child protection team, as defined
35 in s. 39.01, when in a case of suspected child abuse,
36 abandonment, or neglect or an unlawful sexual offense involving
37 a child the case is referred to such a team; except that this
38 does not relieve or restrict the Department of Children and
39 Families from discharging its duty and responsibility under the
40 law to investigate and report every suspected or actual case of



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41 child abuse, abandonment, or neglect or unlawful sexual offense
42 involving a child.

43 (4) (a) Post in a prominent place in a clearly visible
44 location and public area of the school which is readily
45 accessible to and widely used by students a sign in English and
46 Spanish that contains:

47 1. The statewide toll-free telephone number of the central
48 abuse hotline as provided in chapter 39;

49 2. Instructions to call 911 for emergencies; and

50 3. Directions for accessing the Department of Children and
51 Families Internet website for more information on reporting
52 abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

53 (b) The information in paragraph (a) must be put on at
54 least one poster in each school, on a sheet that measures at
55 least 11 inches by 17 inches, produced in large print, and
56 placed at student eye level for easy viewing.

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58 The Department of Education shall develop, and publish on the
59 department's Internet website, sample notices suitable for
60 posting in accordance with subsections (1), ~~and~~ (2), and (4).

62 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

63 And the title is amended as follows:

64 Delete line 38

65 and insert:

66 F.S.; redefining a term; amending s. 1006.061, F.S.;

67 requiring each district school board, charter school,

68 and certain private schools to post in each school a

69 poster with specified information; providing criteria



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for the poster; requiring the Department of Education
to develop and publish a sample notice on its Internet
website; providing an effective date.