1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to student discipline; amending s. 3 1003.01, F.S.; revising definitions of the terms "suspension" and "in-school suspension"; amending s. 4 5 1003.53, F.S.; requiring school districts to establish 6 a success center for students who receive an out-of-7 school suspension; providing requirements for success centers; requiring teachers assigned to success 8 9 centers to meet specified requirements; requiring 10 school districts to coordinate with certain entities for the operation of success centers; amending s. 11 12 1006.09, F.S.; authorizing certain students charged 13 with a felony to be enrolled in a success center; 14 providing an effective date. 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1003.01, Florida 18 19 Statutes, is amended to read: 20 1003.01 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term: 21 (5)(a) "Suspension," also referred to as out-of-school 22 suspension, means the temporary removal of a student who 23 severely threatens the general welfare of students or others 24 with whom the student comes into contact through violence or 25 possession of a weapon from all classes of instruction on public 26 school grounds and all other school-sponsored activities, except Page 1 of 5

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27 as authorized by the principal or the principal's designee, for a period not to exceed 10 school days and remanding of the 28 29 student to the school district's success center or, if 30 appropriate, second chance school pursuant to s. 1003.53 the 31 custody of the student's parent with specific homework 32 assignments for the student to complete. 33 "In-school suspension" means the temporary removal of (b) a student from the student's regular school program and 34 placement in an alternative educational setting within the 35 36 school under the supervision of instructional personnel program, 37 such as that provided in s. 1003.53, under the supervision of 38 district school board personnel, for a period not to exceed 10 39 school days. 40 Section 2. Subsections (4), (5), (6), and (7) of section 1003.53, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5), 41 42 (6), (7), and (8), respectively, present subsections (4) and (6) of that section are amended, and a new subsection (4) is added 43 44 to that section, to read: 45 1003.53 Dropout prevention and academic intervention.-46 (4) Each district school board must establish a success 47 center for students who receive an out-of-school suspension. 48 Such centers shall use instructional teaching methods 49 appropriate to the specific needs of the student and must have 50 instructional personnel and a guidance counselor or social 51 worker on staff. Each success center shall maintain for each 52 participating student records documenting the reason for the

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53	student's placement at the center, the length of participation,
54	and an evaluation of the student's academic and behavioral
55	performance while assigned to the success center.
56	(5) <del>(4)</del> Each district school board shall establish

57 procedures for ensuring that teachers assigned to <u>a success</u> 58 <u>center or</u> dropout prevention and academic intervention programs 59 possess the affective, pedagogical, and content-related skills 60 necessary to meet the needs of these students.

61 (7) (7) (6) District school board success centers and dropout 62 prevention and academic intervention programs shall be 63 coordinated with social service, law enforcement, prosecutorial, 64 and juvenile justice agencies and juvenile assessment centers in 65 the school district. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 66 1002.22, these agencies are authorized to exchange information 67 contained in student records and juvenile justice records. Such 68 information is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 69 119.07(1). District school boards and other agencies receiving 70 such information shall use the information only for official 71 purposes connected with the certification of students for 72 admission to and for the administration of the success center or 73 dropout prevention and academic intervention program, and shall 74 maintain the confidentiality of such information unless 75 otherwise provided by law or rule.

76 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1006.09, Florida77 Statutes, is amended to read:

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79 discipline and school safety.-

(2) Suspension proceedings, pursuant to rules of the State 80 81 Board of Education, may be initiated against any enrolled 82 student who is formally charged with a felony, or with a 83 delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult, 84 by a proper prosecuting attorney for an incident which allegedly occurred on property other than public school property, if that 85 incident is shown, in an administrative hearing with notice 86 provided to the parents of the student by the principal of the 87 88 school pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education 89 and to rules developed pursuant to s. 1001.54, to have an 90 adverse impact on the educational program, discipline, or welfare in the school in which the student is enrolled. Any 91 92 student who is suspended as the result of such proceedings may 93 be suspended from all classes of instruction on public school 94 grounds during regular classroom hours for a period of time, 95 which may exceed 10 days, as determined by the district school 96 superintendent. The suspension shall not affect the delivery of 97 educational services to the student, and the student shall be immediately enrolled in a success center, daytime alternative 98 99 education program, or an evening alternative education program, 100 where appropriate. If the court determines that the student did 101 commit the felony or delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by an adult, the district school board may 102 103 expel the student, provided that expulsion under this subsection 104 shall not affect the delivery of educational services to the

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105 student in any residential, nonresidential, alternative, 106 daytime, or evening program outside of the regular school 107 setting. Any student who is subject to discipline or expulsion 108 for unlawful possession or use of any substance controlled under 109 chapter 893 may be entitled to a waiver of the discipline or 110 expulsion:

111 If the student divulges information leading to the (a) 112 arrest and conviction of the person who supplied the controlled substance to him or her, or if the student voluntarily discloses 113 114 his or her unlawful possession of the controlled substance prior 115 to his or her arrest. Any information divulged which leads to arrest and conviction is not admissible in evidence in a 116 117 subsequent criminal trial against the student divulging the 118 information.

(b) If the student commits himself or herself, or is
referred by the court in lieu of sentence, to a state-licensed
drug abuse program and successfully completes the program.

122 123 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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