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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school district instructional and  
3           administrative personnel; creating s. 1012.08, F.S.;  
4           providing that certain school district employees have  
5           a cause of action under the Whistle-blower's Act for  
6           the disclosure of certain information; providing an  
7           effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Section 1012.08, Florida Statutes, is created to  
12           read:

13           1012.08 Protection for disclosures by school district  
14           instructional and administrative personnel.—An employee of a  
15           school district whose professional responsibilities are defined  
16           in s. 1012.01(2) and (3) who is discharged, demoted, suspended,  
17           threatened, harassed, or in any other manner discriminated  
18           against in the terms and conditions of employment by his or her  
19           employer because the employee discloses the improper use of  
20           school district practices or procedures deemed to be school-  
21           related fraud, a suspected violation of law or rule, the  
22           dishonest reporting or misrepresentation of the employee's  
23           services, or an activity or incident that has had a negative  
24           effect on the education of students or a school's performance  
25           shall have a cause of action under s. 112.3187.

26           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.