

By Senator Hukill

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the visitation of schools by state
3 legislators; amending s. 1001.4205, F.S.; authorizing
4 a member of the State Legislature to visit any
5 district school in his or her legislative district;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 1001.4205, Florida Statutes, is amended
11 to read:

12 1001.4205 Visitation of schools ~~by an individual school~~
13 ~~board or charter school governing board member.~~—An individual
14 member of a district school board may, on any day and at any
15 time at his or her pleasure, visit any district school in his or
16 her school district. An individual member of the State
17 Legislature may, on any day and at any time at his or her
18 pleasure, visit any district school in his or her legislative
19 district. An individual member of a charter school governing
20 board ~~member~~ may, on any day and at any time at his or her
21 pleasure, visit any charter school governed by the charter
22 school's governing board.

23 (1) The visiting individual ~~board member~~ must sign in and
24 sign out at the school's main office and wear his or her board
25 or State Legislature identification badge, as applicable, at all
26 times while present on school premises.

27 (2) The board, the school, or any other person or entity,
28 including, but not limited to, the principal of the school, the
29 school superintendent, or any ~~other~~ board member, may not

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30 require the visiting individual ~~board member~~ to provide notice
31 before visiting the school.

32 (3) The school may offer, but may not require, an escort to
33 accompany the ~~a~~ visiting individual ~~board member~~ during the
34 visit.

35 (4) A ~~Another~~ board member or a district employee,
36 including, but not limited to, the superintendent, the school
37 principal, or the superintendent's or the principal's ~~his or her~~
38 designee, may not limit the duration or scope of the visit or
39 direct the ~~a~~ visiting individual ~~board member~~ to leave the
40 premises.

41 (5) A board, district, or school administrative policy or
42 practice may not prohibit or limit the authority granted to the
43 visiting individual ~~a board member~~ under this section.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.