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Senator Passidomo moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (13) of section  
121.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.091 Benefits payable under the system.—Benefits may not  
be paid under this section unless the member has terminated  
employment as provided in s. 121.021(39) (a) or begun  
participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program as  
provided in subsection (13), and a proper application has been



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12 filed in the manner prescribed by the department. The department  
13 may cancel an application for retirement benefits when the  
14 member or beneficiary fails to timely provide the information  
15 and documents required by this chapter and the department's  
16 rules. The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures  
17 for application for retirement benefits and for the cancellation  
18 of such application when the required information or documents  
19 are not received.

20 (13) DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM.—In general, and  
21 subject to this section, the Deferred Retirement Option Program,  
22 hereinafter referred to as DROP, is a program under which an  
23 eligible member of the Florida Retirement System may elect to  
24 participate, deferring receipt of retirement benefits while  
25 continuing employment with his or her Florida Retirement System  
26 employer. The deferred monthly benefits shall accrue in the  
27 Florida Retirement System on behalf of the member, plus interest  
28 compounded monthly, for the specified period of the DROP  
29 participation, as provided in paragraph (c). Upon termination of  
30 employment, the member shall receive the total DROP benefits and  
31 begin to receive the previously determined normal retirement  
32 benefits. Participation in the DROP does not guarantee  
33 employment for the specified period of DROP. Participation in  
34 DROP by an eligible member beyond the initial 60-month period as  
35 authorized in this subsection shall be on an annual contractual  
36 basis for all participants.

37 (b) Participation in DROP.—Except as provided in this  
38 paragraph, an eligible member may elect to participate in DROP  
39 for a period not to exceed a maximum of 60 calendar months.

40 1.a. An eligible member may elect to participate in DROP



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41 for a period not to exceed a maximum of 60 calendar months.  
42 However, members who are instructional personnel employed by the  
43 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and authorized by the  
44 Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the  
45 Blind, who are instructional personnel as defined in s.  
46 1012.01(2)(a)-(d) in grades K-12 and authorized by the district  
47 school superintendent, or who are instructional personnel as  
48 defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a) employed by a developmental research  
49 school and authorized by the school's director, or if the school  
50 has no director, by the school's principal, may participate in  
51 DROP for up to 36 calendar months beyond the 60-month period.  
52 Effective July 1, 2018, instructional personnel who are  
53 authorized to extend DROP participation beyond the 60-month  
54 period must have a termination date that is the last day of the  
55 last calendar month of the school year within the DROP extension  
56 granted by the employer. If, on July 1, 2018, the member's DROP  
57 participation has already been extended for the maximum 36  
58 calendar months and the extension period concludes before the  
59 end of the school year, the member's DROP participation may be  
60 extended through the last day of the last calendar month of that  
61 school year. The employer shall notify the division of the  
62 change in termination date and the additional period of DROP  
63 participation for the affected instructional personnel.  
64 b. Administrative personnel in grades K-12, as defined in  
65 s. 1012.01(3), who have a DROP termination date on or after July  
66 1, 2018, may be authorized to extend DROP participation beyond  
67 the initial 60 calendar month period if the administrative  
68 personnel's termination date is before the end of the school  
69 year. Such administrative personnel may have DROP participation



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70 extended until the last day of the last calendar month of the  
71 school year in which their original DROP termination date  
72 occurred if a date other than the last day of the last calendar  
73 month of the school year is designated. The employer shall  
74 notify the division of the change in termination date and the  
75 additional period of DROP participation for the affected  
76 administrative personnel.

77       2. Upon deciding to participate in DROP, the member shall  
78 submit, on forms required by the division:

79       a. A written election to participate in DROP;

80       b. Selection of DROP participation and termination dates  
81 that satisfy the limitations stated in paragraph (a) and  
82 subparagraph 1. The termination date must be in a binding letter  
83 of resignation to the employer establishing a deferred  
84 termination date. The member may change the termination date  
85 within the limitations of subparagraph 1., but only with the  
86 written approval of the employer;

87       c. A properly completed DROP application for service  
88 retirement as provided in this section; and

89       d. Any other information required by the division.

90       3. The DROP participant is a retiree under the Florida  
91 Retirement System for all purposes, except for paragraph (5) (f)  
92 and subsection (9) and ss. 112.3173, 112.363, 121.053, and  
93 121.122. DROP participation is final and may not be canceled by  
94 the participant after the first payment is credited during the  
95 DROP participation period. However, participation in DROP does  
96 not alter the participant's employment status, and the member is  
97 not deemed retired from employment until his or her deferred  
98 resignation is effective and termination occurs as defined in s.



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99 121.021.

100 4. Elected officers are eligible to participate in DROP  
101 subject to the following:

102 a. An elected officer who reaches normal retirement date  
103 during a term of office may defer the election to participate  
104 until the next succeeding term in that office. An elected  
105 officer who exercises this option may participate in DROP for up  
106 to 60 calendar months or no longer than the succeeding term of  
107 office, whichever is less.

108 b. An elected or a nonelected participant may run for a  
109 term of office while participating in DROP and, if elected,  
110 extend the DROP termination date accordingly; however, if such  
111 additional term of office exceeds the 60-month limitation  
112 established in subparagraph 1., and the officer does not resign  
113 from office within such 60-month limitation, the retirement and  
114 the participant's DROP is null and void as provided in sub-  
115 subparagraph (c)5.d.

116 c. An elected officer who is dually employed and elects to  
117 participate in DROP must terminate all employment relationships  
118 as provided in s. 121.021(39) for the nonelected position within  
119 the original 60-month period or maximum participation period as  
120 provided in subparagraph 1. For DROP participation ending:

121 (I) Before July 1, 2010, the officer may continue  
122 employment as an elected officer as provided in s. 121.053. The  
123 elected officer shall be enrolled as a renewed member in the  
124 Elected Officers' Class or the Regular Class, as provided in ss.  
125 121.053 and 121.122, on the first day of the month after  
126 termination of employment in the nonelected position and  
127 termination of DROP. Distribution of the DROP benefits shall be



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128 made as provided in paragraph (c).

129 (II) On or after July 1, 2010, the officer may continue  
130 employment as an elected officer but must defer termination as  
131 provided in s. 121.053.

132 Section 2. The Legislature finds that a proper and  
133 legitimate state purpose is served when employees and retirees  
134 of the state and its political subdivisions, and the dependents,  
135 survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and retirees, are  
136 extended the basic protections afforded by governmental  
137 retirement systems. These persons must be provided benefits that  
138 are fair and adequate and that are managed, administered, and  
139 funded in an actuarially sound manner, as required by s. 14,  
140 Article X of the State Constitution and part VII of chapter 112,  
141 Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Legislature determines and  
142 declares that the amendments made to s. 121.091, Florida  
143 Statutes, by this act fulfills an important state interest.

144 Section 3. Section 1007.2616, Florida Statutes, is amended  
145 to read:

146 1007.2616 Computer science and technology instruction.—

147 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "computer  
148 science" means the study of computers and algorithmic processes,  
149 including their principles, hardware and software designs,  
150 applications, and their impact on society, and includes computer  
151 coding and computer programming.

152 (2) (a) ~~(1)~~ Public schools shall provide students in grades  
153 K-12 opportunities for learning computer science, including, but  
154 not limited to, computer coding and computer programming. Such  
155 opportunities may include coding instruction in elementary  
156 school and middle school and instruction to develop students'



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157 computer usage and digital literacy skills in middle school, and  
158 must include courses in computer science, ~~computer coding, and~~  
159 ~~computer programming~~ in middle school and high school, including  
160 earning-related industry certifications. Such courses must be  
161 integrated into each school district's middle and high schools,  
162 including combination schools in which any of grades 6 through  
163 12 are taught.

164 (b) Computer science courses must be identified in the  
165 Course Code Directory and published on the Department of  
166 Education's website no later than July 1, 2018. Additional  
167 computer science courses may be subsequently identified and  
168 posted on the department's website.

169 (3) The Florida Virtual School shall offer computer science  
170 courses identified in the Course Code Directory pursuant to  
171 paragraph (2)(b). If a school district does not offer an  
172 identified course, the district must provide students access to  
173 the course through the Florida Virtual School or through other  
174 means.

175 (4) (a) Subject to legislative appropriation, a school  
176 district or a consortium of school districts may apply to the  
177 department, in a format prescribed by the department, for  
178 funding to deliver or facilitate training for classroom teachers  
179 to earn an educator certificate in computer science pursuant to  
180 s. 1012.56 or an industry certification associated with a course  
181 identified in the Course Code Directory pursuant to paragraph  
182 (2)(b). Such funding shall only be used to provide training for  
183 classroom teachers and to pay fees for examinations that lead to  
184 a credential pursuant to this paragraph.

185 (b) Once the department has identified courses in the



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186 Course Code Directory pursuant to paragraph (2) (b), the  
187 department shall establish a deadline for submitting  
188 applications. The department shall award funding to school  
189 districts in a manner that allows for an equitable distribution  
190 of funding statewide based on student population.

191 (5)~~(2)~~ Elementary schools and middle schools may establish  
192 digital classrooms in which students are provided opportunities  
193 to improve digital literacy and competency; to learn digital  
194 skills, such as coding, multiple media presentation, and the  
195 manipulation of multiple digital graphic images; and to earn  
196 digital tool certificates and certifications pursuant to s.  
197 1003.4203 and grade-appropriate, technology-related industry  
198 certifications.

199 (6)~~(3)~~ High school students must be provided ~~schools may~~  
200 ~~provide students~~ opportunities to take computer science courses  
201 to satisfy high school graduation requirements, including, but  
202 not limited to, the following:

203 (a) High school computer science courses of sufficient  
204 rigor, as identified by the commissioner, such that one credit  
205 in computer science and the earning of related industry  
206 certifications constitute the equivalent of up to one credit of  
207 the mathematics requirement, with the exception of Algebra I or  
208 higher-level mathematics, or up to one credit of the science  
209 requirement, with the exception of Biology I or higher-level  
210 science, for high school graduation. Computer science courses  
211 and technology-related industry certifications that are  
212 identified as eligible for meeting mathematics or science  
213 requirements for high school graduation shall be included in the  
214 Course Code Directory.





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215 (b) High school computer technology courses in 3D rapid  
216 prototype printing of sufficient rigor, as identified by the  
217 commissioner, such that one or more credits in such courses and  
218 related industry certifications earned may satisfy up to two  
219 credits of mathematics required for high school graduation with  
220 the exception of Algebra I. Computer technology courses in 3D  
221 rapid prototype printing and related industry certifications  
222 that are identified as eligible for meeting mathematics  
223 requirements for high school graduation shall be included in the  
224 Course Code Directory.

225 (7) Subject to legislative appropriation, a classroom  
226 teacher who was evaluated as effective or highly effective  
227 pursuant to s. 1012.34 in the previous school year or who is  
228 newly hired by the district school board and has not been  
229 evaluated pursuant to s. 1012.34 must receive a bonus as  
230 follows:

231 (a) If the classroom teacher holds an educator certificate  
232 in computer science pursuant to s. 1012.56 or if he or she has  
233 passed the computer science subject area examination and holds  
234 an adjunct certificate issued by a school district pursuant to  
235 s. 1012.57, he or she shall receive a bonus of \$1,000 after each  
236 year the individual completes teaching a computer science course  
237 identified in the Course Code Directory pursuant to paragraph  
238 (2) (b) at a public middle, high, or combination school in the  
239 state, for up to 3 years.

240 (b) If the classroom teacher holds an industry  
241 certification associated with a course identified in the Course  
242 Code Directory pursuant to paragraph (2) (b), he or she shall  
243 receive a bonus of \$500 after each year the individual completes



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244 teaching the identified course at a public middle, high, or  
245 combination school in the state, for up to 3 years.

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247 A school district shall report a qualifying classroom teacher to  
248 the department by a date and in a format established by the  
249 department. An eligible classroom teacher shall receive his or  
250 her bonus upon completion of the school year in which he or she  
251 taught the course. A teacher may not receive more than one bonus  
252 per year under this subsection.

253 (8)(4) The State Board of Education shall may adopt rules  
254 to administer this section.

255 Section 4. Section 800.101, Florida Statutes, is created to  
256 read:

257 800.101 Offenses against students by authority figures.-

258 (1) As used in this section, the term:

259 (a) "Authority figure" means a person 18 years of age or  
260 older who is employed by, volunteering at, or under contract  
261 with a school, including school resource officers as provided in  
262 s. 1006.12.

263 (b) "School" has the same meaning as provided in s. 1003.01  
264 and includes a private school as defined in s. 1002.01, a  
265 voluntary prekindergarten education program as described in s.  
266 1002.53(3), early learning programs, a public school as  
267 described in s. 402.3025(1), the Florida School for the Deaf and  
268 the Blind, and the Florida Virtual School established under s.  
269 1002.37. The term does not include a facility dedicated  
270 exclusively to the education of adults.

271 (c) "Student" means a person who is enrolled at a school.

272 (2) An authority figure shall not solicit or engage in:



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- 273        (a) Sexual conduct;
- 274        (b) A relationship of a romantic nature; or
- 275        (c) Lewd conduct

276  
277 with a student.

278        (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of  
279 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
280 775.083, or s. 775.084.

281        (4) This section does not apply to conduct constituting an  
282 offense that is subject to reclassification under s. 775.0862.

283        Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 810.097, Florida  
284 Statutes, is amended to read:

285        810.097 Trespass upon grounds or facilities of a school;  
286 penalties; arrest.—

287        (5) As used in this section, the term "school" means the  
288 grounds or any facility, including school buses, of any  
289 kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, junior high  
290 school, or secondary school, whether public or nonpublic.

291        Section 6. Subsection (6) and paragraph (b) of subsection  
292 (7) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

293        1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
294 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
295 powers and perform all duties listed below:

296        (6) STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL  
297 PERSONNEL AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.—Adopt policies establishing  
298 standards of ethical conduct for instructional personnel and  
299 school administrators. The policies must require all  
300 instructional personnel and school administrators, as defined in  
301 s. 1012.01, to complete training on the standards; establish the



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302 duty of instructional personnel and school administrators to  
303 report, and procedures for reporting, alleged misconduct by  
304 other instructional personnel and school administrators which  
305 affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student, including  
306 misconduct that involves engaging in or soliciting sexual,  
307 romantic, or lewd conduct with a student; require the district  
308 school superintendent to report to law enforcement misconduct by  
309 instructional personnel or school administrators that would  
310 result in disqualification from educator certification or  
311 employment as provided in s. 1012.315; and include an  
312 explanation of the liability protections provided under ss.  
313 39.203 and 768.095. A district school board, or any of its  
314 employees, may not enter into a confidentiality agreement  
315 regarding terminated or dismissed instructional personnel or  
316 school administrators, or personnel or administrators who resign  
317 in lieu of termination, based in whole or in part on misconduct  
318 that affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student, and  
319 may not provide instructional personnel or school administrators  
320 with employment references or discuss the personnel's or  
321 administrators' performance with prospective employers in  
322 another educational setting, without disclosing the personnel's  
323 or administrators' misconduct. Any part of an agreement or  
324 contract that has the purpose or effect of concealing misconduct  
325 by instructional personnel or school administrators which  
326 affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student is void, is  
327 contrary to public policy, and may not be enforced.

328 (7) DISQUALIFICATION FROM EMPLOYMENT.—Disqualify  
329 instructional personnel and school administrators, as defined in  
330 s. 1012.01, from employment in any position that requires direct



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331 contact with students if the personnel or administrators are  
332 ineligible for such employment under s. 1012.315. An elected or  
333 appointed school board official forfeits his or her salary for 1  
334 year if:

335 (b) The school board official knowingly fails to adopt  
336 policies that require:

337 1. Instructional personnel and school administrators to  
338 report alleged misconduct by other instructional personnel and  
339 school administrators;

340 2. The district school superintendent to report misconduct  
341 by instructional personnel or school administrators that would  
342 result in disqualification from educator certification or  
343 employment as provided in s. 1012.315 to the law enforcement  
344 agencies with jurisdiction over the conduct; or

345 3. ~~that require~~ The investigation of all reports of alleged  
346 misconduct by instructional personnel and school administrators,  
347 if the misconduct affects the health, safety, or welfare of a  
348 student.

349 Section 7. Subsection (12) of section 1001.51, Florida  
350 Statutes, is amended to read:

351 1001.51 Duties and responsibilities of district school  
352 superintendent.—The district school superintendent shall  
353 exercise all powers and perform all duties listed below and  
354 elsewhere in the law, provided that, in so doing, he or she  
355 shall advise and counsel with the district school board. The  
356 district school superintendent shall perform all tasks necessary  
357 to make sound recommendations, nominations, proposals, and  
358 reports required by law to be acted upon by the district school  
359 board. All such recommendations, nominations, proposals, and



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360 reports by the district school superintendent shall be either  
361 recorded in the minutes or shall be made in writing, noted in  
362 the minutes, and filed in the public records of the district  
363 school board. It shall be presumed that, in the absence of the  
364 record required in this section, the recommendations,  
365 nominations, and proposals required of the district school  
366 superintendent were not contrary to the action taken by the  
367 district school board in such matters.

368 (12) RECORDS AND REPORTS.—Recommend such records as should  
369 be kept in addition to those prescribed by rules of the State  
370 Board of Education; prepare forms for keeping such records as  
371 are approved by the district school board; ensure that such  
372 records are properly kept; and make all reports that are needed  
373 or required, as follows:

374 (a) *Forms, blanks, and reports.*—Require that all employees  
375 accurately keep all records and promptly make in proper form all  
376 reports required by the education code or by rules of the State  
377 Board of Education; recommend the keeping of such additional  
378 records and the making of such additional reports as may be  
379 deemed necessary to provide data essential for the operation of  
380 the school system; and prepare such forms and blanks as may be  
381 required and ensure that these records and reports are properly  
382 prepared.

383 (b) *Reports to the department.*—Prepare, for the approval of  
384 the district school board, all reports required by law or rules  
385 of the State Board of Education to be made to the department and  
386 transmit promptly all such reports, when approved, to the  
387 department, as required by law. If any reports are not  
388 transmitted at the time and in the manner prescribed by law or



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389 by State Board of Education rules, the salary of the district  
390 school superintendent must be withheld until the report has been  
391 properly submitted. Unless otherwise provided by rules of the  
392 State Board of Education, the annual report on attendance and  
393 personnel is due on or before July 1, and the annual school  
394 budget and the report on finance are due on the date prescribed  
395 by the commissioner.

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397 Any district school superintendent who knowingly signs and  
398 transmits to any state official a report that the superintendent  
399 knows to be false or incorrect; who knowingly fails to  
400 investigate any allegation of misconduct by instructional  
401 personnel or school administrators, as defined in s. 1012.01,  
402 which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student; ~~or~~  
403 who knowingly fails to report the alleged misconduct to the  
404 department as required in s. 1012.796; or who knowingly fails to  
405 report misconduct to the law enforcement agencies with  
406 jurisdiction over the conduct pursuant to district school board  
407 policy under s. 1001.42(6), forfeits his or her salary for 1  
408 year following the date of such act or failure to act.

409 Section 8. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 1012.27,  
410 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

411 1012.27 Public school personnel; powers and duties of  
412 district school superintendent.—The district school  
413 superintendent is responsible for directing the work of the  
414 personnel, subject to the requirements of this chapter, and in  
415 addition the district school superintendent shall perform the  
416 following:

417 (5) SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL; NOTIFICATION.—



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418           (a) Suspend members of the instructional staff and other  
419 school employees during emergencies for a period extending to  
420 and including the day of the next regular or special meeting of  
421 the district school board and notify the district school board  
422 immediately of such suspension. When authorized to do so, serve  
423 notice on the suspended member of the instructional staff of  
424 charges made against him or her and of the date of hearing.  
425 Recommend employees for dismissal under the terms prescribed  
426 herein.

427           (b) Notify the parent of a student who was subjected to or  
428 affected by misconduct identified under s. 1001.42(6) within 30  
429 days after the date on which the school district learns of the  
430 misconduct. The notification must inform the parent of:

431           1. The alleged misconduct, including which allegations have  
432 been substantiated, if any.

433           2. Whether the district reported the misconduct to the  
434 department, if required by s. 1012.796(1)(d).

435           3. The sanctions imposed by the school district against the  
436 employee, if any.

437           4. The support the school district will make available to  
438 the student in response to the misconduct.

439           (6) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY CHECKS.—Before employing a person  
440 ~~instructional personnel and school administrators, as defined in~~  
441 ~~s. 1012.01,~~ in any position that requires direct contact with  
442 students, conduct employment history checks of each of the  
443 ~~person's personnel's or administrators'~~ person's previous employers,  
444 screen instructional the personnel and school ~~or~~ administrators,  
445 as defined in s. 1012.01, through use of the educator screening  
446 tools described in s. 1001.10(5), and document the findings. If





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447 unable to contact a previous employer, the district school  
448 superintendent shall document efforts to contact the employer.

449 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
450 (a) of subsection (3) of section 1012.31, Florida Statutes, are  
451 amended to read:

452 1012.31 Personnel files.—Public school system employee  
453 personnel files shall be maintained according to the following  
454 provisions:

455 (2) (a) Materials relating to work performance, discipline,  
456 suspension, or dismissal must be reduced to writing and signed  
457 by a person competent to know the facts or make the judgment.  
458 The resignation or termination of an employee before an  
459 investigation of alleged misconduct by the employee affecting  
460 the health, safety, or welfare of a student is concluded must be  
461 clearly indicated in the employee's personnel file.

462 (3) (a) Public school system employee personnel files are  
463 subject to the provisions of s. 119.07(1), except as follows:

464 1. Any complaint and any material relating to the  
465 investigation of a complaint against an employee shall be  
466 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1)  
467 until the conclusion of the preliminary investigation or until  
468 such time as the preliminary investigation ceases to be active.  
469 If the preliminary investigation is concluded with the finding  
470 that there is no probable cause to proceed further and with no  
471 disciplinary action taken or charges filed, a statement to that  
472 effect signed by the responsible investigating official shall be  
473 attached to the complaint, and the complaint and all such  
474 materials shall be open thereafter to inspection pursuant to s.  
475 119.07(1). If the preliminary investigation is concluded with



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476 the finding that there is probable cause to proceed further or  
477 with disciplinary action taken or charges filed, the complaint  
478 and all such materials shall be open thereafter to inspection  
479 pursuant to s. 119.07(1). If the preliminary investigation  
480 ceases to be active, the complaint and all such materials shall  
481 be open thereafter to inspection pursuant to s. 119.07(1). For  
482 the purpose of this subsection, a preliminary investigation  
483 shall be considered active as long as it is continuing with a  
484 reasonable, good faith anticipation that an administrative  
485 finding will be made in the foreseeable future. An investigation  
486 shall be presumed to be inactive if no finding relating to  
487 probable cause is made within 60 days after the complaint is  
488 made. This subparagraph does not absolve the school district of  
489 its duty to provide any legally sufficient complaint to the  
490 department within 30 days after the date on which the subject  
491 matter of the complaint comes to the attention of the school  
492 district pursuant to s. 1012.796(1)(d)1., regardless of the  
493 status of the complaint.

494 2. An employee evaluation prepared pursuant to s. 1012.33,  
495 s. 1012.34, or s. 1012.56 or rules adopted by the State Board of  
496 Education or district school board under the authority of those  
497 sections shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of  
498 s. 119.07(1) until the end of the school year immediately  
499 following the school year in which the evaluation was made. No  
500 evaluation prepared before July 1, 1983, shall be made public  
501 pursuant to this section.

502 3. No material derogatory to an employee shall be open to  
503 inspection until 10 days after the employee has been notified  
504 pursuant to paragraph (2)(c).



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505           4. The payroll deduction records of an employee shall be  
506 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1).

507           5. Employee medical records, including psychiatric and  
508 psychological records, shall be confidential and exempt from the  
509 provisions of s. 119.07(1); however, at any hearing relative to  
510 the competency or performance of an employee, the administrative  
511 law judge, hearing officer, or panel shall have access to such  
512 records.

513           Section 10. Section 1012.315, Florida Statutes, is amended  
514 to read:

515           1012.315 Disqualification from employment.—A person is  
516 ineligible for educator certification or, ~~and instructional~~  
517 ~~personnel and school administrators, as defined in s. 1012.01,~~  
518 ~~are ineligible for~~ employment in any position that requires  
519 direct contact with students in a district school system,  
520 charter school, or private school that accepts scholarship  
521 students under s. 1002.39 or s. 1002.395, if the person,  
522 ~~instructional personnel, or school administrator~~ has been  
523 convicted of:

524           (1) Any felony offense prohibited under any of the  
525 following statutes:

526           (a) Section 393.135, relating to sexual misconduct with  
527 certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such  
528 sexual misconduct.

529           (b) Section 394.4593, relating to sexual misconduct with  
530 certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual  
531 misconduct.

532           (c) Section 415.111, relating to adult abuse, neglect, or  
533 exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.



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- 534 (d) Section 782.04, relating to murder.
- 535 (e) Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated  
536 manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, aggravated  
537 manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter of an  
538 officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a  
539 paramedic.
- 540 (f) Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.
- 541 (g) Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.
- 542 (h) Section 784.075, relating to battery on a detention or  
543 commitment facility staff member or a juvenile probation  
544 officer.
- 545 (i) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
- 546 (j) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
- 547 (k) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a  
548 child.
- 549 (l) Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,  
550 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or  
551 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending  
552 custody proceedings.
- 553 (m) Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,  
554 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or  
555 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending  
556 dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse  
557 or neglect of a minor.
- 558 (n) Section 790.115(1), relating to exhibiting firearms or  
559 weapons at a school-sponsored event, on school property, or  
560 within 1,000 feet of a school.
- 561 (o) Section 790.115(2)(b), relating to possessing an  
562 electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon



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563 at a school-sponsored event or on school property.  
564 (p) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.  
565 (q) Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or  
566 solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial  
567 authority.  
568 (r) Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity  
569 with certain minors.  
570 (s) Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.  
571 (t) Chapter 796, relating to prostitution.  
572 (u) Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent  
573 exposure.  
574 (v) Section 800.101, relating to offenses against students  
575 by authority figures.  
576 (w)~~(v)~~ Section 806.01, relating to arson.  
577 (x)~~(w)~~ Section 810.14, relating to voyeurism.  
578 (y)~~(x)~~ Section 810.145, relating to video voyeurism.  
579 (z)~~(y)~~ Section 812.014(6), relating to coordinating the  
580 commission of theft in excess of \$3,000.  
581 (aa)~~(z)~~ Section 812.0145, relating to theft from persons 65  
582 years of age or older.  
583 (bb)~~(aa)~~ Section 812.019, relating to dealing in stolen  
584 property.  
585 (cc)~~(bb)~~ Section 812.13, relating to robbery.  
586 (dd)~~(cc)~~ Section 812.131, relating to robbery by sudden  
587 snatching.  
588 (ee)~~(dd)~~ Section 812.133, relating to carjacking.  
589 (ff)~~(ee)~~ Section 812.135, relating to home-invasion  
590 robbery.  
591 (gg)~~(ff)~~ Section 817.563, relating to fraudulent sale of



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592 controlled substances.

593 (hh)~~(gg)~~ Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated  
594 abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.

595 (ii)~~(hh)~~ Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an  
596 elderly person or disabled adult.

597 (jj)~~(ii)~~ Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious  
598 offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person  
599 or disabled person.

600 (kk)~~(jj)~~ Section 826.04, relating to incest.

601 (ll)~~(kk)~~ Section 827.03, relating to child abuse,  
602 aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.

603 (mm)~~(ll)~~ Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the  
604 delinquency or dependency of a child.

605 (nn)~~(mm)~~ Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by  
606 a child.

607 (oo)~~(nn)~~ Section 843.01, relating to resisting arrest with  
608 violence.

609 (pp)~~(oo)~~ Chapter 847, relating to obscenity.

610 (qq)~~(pp)~~ Section 874.05, relating to causing, encouraging,  
611 soliciting, or recruiting another to join a criminal street  
612 gang.

613 (rr)~~(qq)~~ Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and  
614 control, if the offense was a felony of the second degree or  
615 greater severity.

616 (ss)~~(rr)~~ Section 916.1075, relating to sexual misconduct  
617 with certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual  
618 misconduct.

619 (tt)~~(ss)~~ Section 944.47, relating to introduction, removal,  
620 or possession of contraband at a correctional facility.



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621           (uu)~~(tt)~~ Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in  
622 juvenile justice programs.

623           (vv)~~(uu)~~ Section 985.711, relating to introduction,  
624 removal, or possession of contraband at a juvenile detention  
625 facility or commitment program.

626           (2) Any misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the  
627 following statutes:

628           (a) Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of  
629 the offense was a minor.

630           (b) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a  
631 child.

632           (3) Any criminal act committed in another state or under  
633 federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes an  
634 offense prohibited under any statute listed in subsection (1) or  
635 subsection (2).

636           (4) Any delinquent act committed in this state or any  
637 delinquent or criminal act committed in another state or under  
638 federal law which, if committed in this state, qualifies an  
639 individual for inclusion on the Registered Juvenile Sex Offender  
640 List under s. 943.0435(1)(h)1.d.

641           Section 11. Subsection (12) of section 1012.56, Florida  
642 Statutes, is amended to read:

643           1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

644           (12) DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE.—

645           (a) The Department of Education may deny an applicant a  
646 certificate if the department possesses evidence satisfactory to  
647 it that the applicant has committed an act or acts, or that a  
648 situation exists, for which the Education Practices Commission  
649 would be authorized to discipline a certified educator ~~revoke a~~



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650 ~~teaching certificate.~~

651 (b) The decision of the department is subject to review by  
652 the Education Practices Commission upon the filing of a written  
653 request from the applicant within 20 days after receipt of the  
654 notice of denial. Upon review, the commission may deny the award  
655 of a certificate, bar an applicant from reapplying for a  
656 certificate, or allow the award of a certificate with one or  
657 more of the following conditions:

658 1. Probation for a period of time.

659 2. Restriction on the scope of practice.

660 3. Issuance of a letter of reprimand.

661 4. Referral to the recovery network program provided in s.  
662 1012.798 under such terms and conditions as the commission may  
663 specify.

664 5. Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed  
665 \$2,000 for each count or separate offense.

666 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 1012.795,  
667 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

668 1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to  
669 discipline.—

670 (1) The Education Practices Commission may suspend the  
671 educator certificate of any instructional personnel or school  
672 administrator, person as defined in s. 1012.01(2) or (3), for up  
673 to 5 years, thereby denying that person the right to teach or  
674 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public  
675 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students  
676 for that period of time, after which the person holder may  
677 return to teaching as provided in subsection (4); may revoke the  
678 educator certificate of any person, thereby denying that person





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679 the right to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school  
680 board or public school in any capacity requiring direct contact  
681 with students for up to 10 years, with reinstatement subject to  
682 ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (4); may permanently revoke  
683 ~~permanently~~ the educator certificate of any person thereby  
684 denying that person the right to teach or otherwise be employed  
685 by a district school board or public school in any capacity  
686 requiring direct contact with students; may suspend a person's  
687 ~~the~~ educator certificate, upon an order of the court or notice  
688 by the Department of Revenue relating to the payment of child  
689 support; or may impose any other penalty provided by law, if the  
690 person:

691 (a) Obtained or attempted to obtain an educator certificate  
692 by fraudulent means.

693 (b) Knowingly failed to report actual or suspected child  
694 abuse as required in s. 1006.061 or report alleged misconduct by  
695 instructional personnel or school administrators which affects  
696 the health, safety, or welfare of a student as required in s.  
697 1012.796.

698 (c) Has proved to be incompetent to teach or to perform  
699 duties as an employee of the public school system or to teach in  
700 or to operate a private school.

701 (d) Has been guilty of gross immorality or an act involving  
702 moral turpitude as defined by rule of the State Board of  
703 Education, including engaging in or soliciting sexual, romantic,  
704 or lewd conduct with a student or minor.

705 (e) Has had an educator certificate or other professional  
706 license sanctioned by this or any other ~~revocation, suspension,~~  
707 ~~or surrender in another~~ state or has had the authority to



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708 practice the regulated profession revoked, suspended, or  
709 otherwise acted against, including a denial of certification or  
710 licensure, by the licensing or certifying authority of any  
711 jurisdiction, including its agencies and subdivisions. The  
712 licensing or certifying authority's acceptance of a  
713 relinquishment, stipulation, consent order, or other settlement  
714 offered in response to or in anticipation of the filing of  
715 charges against the licensee or certificateholder shall be  
716 construed as action against the license or certificate. For  
717 purposes of this section, a sanction or action against a  
718 professional license, a certificate, or an authority to practice  
719 a regulated profession must relate to being an educator or the  
720 fitness of or ability to be an educator.

721 (f) Has been convicted or found guilty of, has had  
722 adjudication withheld for, or has pled entered a plea of guilty  
723 or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication of guilt, a  
724 misdemeanor, felony, or any other criminal charge, other than a  
725 minor traffic violation.

726 (g) Upon investigation, has been found guilty of personal  
727 conduct that seriously reduces that person's effectiveness as an  
728 employee of the district school board.

729 (h) Has breached a contract, as provided in s. 1012.33(2)  
730 or s. 1012.335.

731 (i) Has been the subject of a court order or notice by the  
732 Department of Revenue pursuant to s. 409.2598 directing the  
733 Education Practices Commission to suspend the certificate as a  
734 result of noncompliance with a child support order, a subpoena,  
735 an order to show cause, or a written agreement with the  
736 Department of Revenue.



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737 (j) Has violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for  
738 the Education Profession prescribed by State Board of Education  
739 rules.

740 (k) Has otherwise violated the provisions of law, the  
741 penalty for which is the revocation of the educator certificate.

742 (l) Has violated any order of the Education Practices  
743 Commission.

744 (m) Has been the subject of a court order or plea agreement  
745 in any jurisdiction which requires the certificateholder to  
746 surrender or otherwise relinquish his or her educator's  
747 certificate. A surrender or relinquishment shall be for  
748 permanent revocation of the certificate. A person may not  
749 surrender or otherwise relinquish his or her certificate prior  
750 to a finding of probable cause by the commissioner as provided  
751 in s. 1012.796.

752 (n) Has been disqualified from educator certification under  
753 s. 1012.315.

754 (o) Has committed a third recruiting offense as determined  
755 by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) pursuant  
756 to s. 1006.20(2)(b).

757 (p) Has violated test security as provided in s. 1008.24.

758 (5) Each district school superintendent and the governing  
759 authority of each university lab school, state-supported school,  
760 private school, and the FHSAA shall report to the department the  
761 name of any person certified pursuant to this chapter ~~or~~  
762 ~~employed and qualified pursuant to s. 1012.39:~~

763 (a) Who has been convicted or found guilty of, who has had  
764 adjudication withheld for, or who has pled guilty or nolo  
765 contendere to, a misdemeanor, felony, or any other criminal



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766 charge, other than a minor traffic infraction;

767 (b) Who that official has reason to believe has committed  
768 or is found to have committed any act which would be a ground  
769 for revocation or suspension under subsection (1); or

770 (c) Who has been dismissed or severed from employment  
771 because of conduct involving any immoral, unnatural, or  
772 lascivious act.

773 Section 13. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (1) and  
774 paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (7) of section 1012.796,  
775 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

776 1012.796 Complaints against teachers and administrators;  
777 procedure; penalties.-

778 (1)

779 (d)1. Each school district shall file in writing with the  
780 department all legally sufficient complaints within 30 days  
781 after the date on which subject matter of the complaint comes to  
782 the attention of the school district, regardless of whether the  
783 subject of the complaint is still an employee of the school  
784 district. A complaint is legally sufficient if it contains  
785 ultimate facts that show a violation has occurred as provided in  
786 s. 1012.795 and defined by rule of the State Board of Education.  
787 The school district shall include all information relating to  
788 the complaint which is known to the school district at the time  
789 of filing.

790 2. A school district shall immediately notify the  
791 department if the subject of a legally sufficient complaint of  
792 misconduct affecting the health, safety, or welfare of a student  
793 resigns or is terminated before the conclusion of the school  
794 district's investigation. Upon receipt of the notification, the



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795 department shall place an alert on the person's certification  
796 file indicating that he or she resigned or was terminated before  
797 an investigation involving allegations of misconduct affecting  
798 the health, safety, or welfare of a student was concluded. In  
799 such circumstances, the database may not include specific  
800 information relating to the alleged misconduct until permitted  
801 by subsection (4).

802 3. Each district school board shall develop and adopt  
803 policies and procedures to comply with this reporting  
804 requirement. School board policies and procedures must include  
805 standards for screening, hiring, and terminating instructional  
806 personnel and school administrators, as defined in s. 1012.01;  
807 standards of ethical conduct for instructional personnel and  
808 school administrators; the duties of instructional personnel and  
809 school administrators for upholding the standards; detailed  
810 procedures for reporting alleged misconduct by instructional  
811 personnel and school administrators which affects the health,  
812 safety, or welfare of a student; requirements for the  
813 reassignment of instructional personnel or school administrators  
814 pending the outcome of a misconduct investigation; and penalties  
815 for failing to comply with s. 1001.51 or s. 1012.795. The  
816 district school board policies and procedures shall include  
817 appropriate penalties for all personnel of the district school  
818 board for nonreporting and procedures for promptly informing the  
819 district school superintendent of each legally sufficient  
820 complaint. The district school superintendent is charged with  
821 knowledge of these policies and procedures and is accountable  
822 for the training of all instructional personnel and school  
823 administrators of the school district on the standards of



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824 ethical conduct, policies, and procedures.

825 4. If the district school superintendent has knowledge of a  
826 legally sufficient complaint and does not report the complaint,  
827 or fails to enforce the policies and procedures of the district  
828 school board, and fails to comply with the requirements of this  
829 subsection, in addition to other actions against  
830 certificateholders authorized by law, the district school  
831 superintendent is subject to penalties as specified in s.  
832 1001.51(12).

833 5. If the superintendent determines that misconduct by  
834 instructional personnel or school administrators who hold an  
835 educator certificate affects the health, safety, or welfare of a  
836 student and the misconduct warrants termination, the  
837 instructional personnel or school administrators may resign or  
838 be terminated, and the superintendent must report the misconduct  
839 to the department in the format prescribed by the department.  
840 The department shall maintain each report of misconduct as a  
841 public record in the instructional personnel's or school  
842 administrators' certification files. This paragraph does not  
843 limit or restrict the power and duty of the department to  
844 investigate complaints, regardless of the school district's  
845 untimely filing, or failure to file, complaints and followup  
846 reports.

847 (e) If allegations arise against an employee who is  
848 certified under s. 1012.56 and employed in an educator-  
849 certificated position in any public school, charter school or  
850 governing board thereof, or private school that accepts  
851 scholarship students under s. 1002.39 or s. 1002.395, the school  
852 shall file in writing with the department a legally sufficient



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853 | complaint within 30 days after the date on which the subject  
854 | matter of the complaint came to the attention of the school,  
855 | regardless of whether the subject of the allegations is still an  
856 | employee of the school. A complaint is legally sufficient if it  
857 | contains ultimate facts that show a violation has occurred as  
858 | provided in s. 1012.795 and defined by rule of the State Board  
859 | of Education. The school shall include all known information  
860 | relating to the complaint with the filing of the complaint. This  
861 | paragraph does not limit or restrict the power and duty of the  
862 | department to investigate complaints, regardless of the school's  
863 | untimely filing, or failure to file, complaints and followup  
864 | reports. A school described in this paragraph shall immediately  
865 | notify the department if the subject of a legally sufficient  
866 | complaint of misconduct affecting the health, safety, or welfare  
867 | of a student resigns or is terminated before the conclusion of  
868 | the school's investigation. Upon receipt of the notification,  
869 | the department shall place an alert on the person's  
870 | certification file indicating that he or she resigned or was  
871 | terminated before an investigation involving allegations of  
872 | misconduct affecting the health, safety, or welfare of a student  
873 | was concluded. In such circumstances, the database may not  
874 | include specific information relating to the alleged misconduct  
875 | until permitted by subsection (4).

876 |         (7) A panel of the commission shall enter a final order  
877 | either dismissing the complaint or imposing one or more of the  
878 | following penalties:

879 |         (a) Denial of an application for a ~~teaching~~ certificate or  
880 | for an administrative or supervisory endorsement on a teaching  
881 | certificate. The denial may provide that the applicant may not



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882 reapply for certification, and that the department may refuse to  
883 consider that applicant's application, for a specified period of  
884 time or permanently.

885 (d) Placement of the teacher, administrator, or supervisor  
886 on probation for a period of time and subject to such conditions  
887 as the commission may specify, including requiring the certified  
888 teacher, administrator, or supervisor to complete additional  
889 appropriate college courses or work with another certified  
890 educator, with the administrative costs of monitoring the  
891 probation assessed to the educator placed on probation. An  
892 educator who has been placed on probation shall, at a minimum:

893 1. Immediately notify the investigative office in the  
894 Department of Education upon employment or separation from  
895 ~~termination of employment in the state~~ in any public or private  
896 position requiring a Florida educator's certificate.

897 2. Have his or her immediate supervisor submit annual  
898 performance reports to the investigative office in the  
899 Department of Education.

900 3. Pay to the commission within the first 6 months of each  
901 probation year the administrative costs of monitoring probation  
902 assessed to the educator.

903 4. Violate no law and fully comply with all district school  
904 board policies, school rules, and State Board of Education  
905 rules.

906 5. Satisfactorily perform his or her assigned duties in a  
907 competent, professional manner.

908 6. Bear all costs of complying with the terms of a final  
909 order entered by the commission.

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911 The penalties imposed under this subsection are in addition to,  
912 and not in lieu of, the penalties required for a third  
913 recruiting offense pursuant to s. 1006.20(2)(b).

914 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
915 1008.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

916 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.—

917 (3) STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.—The  
918 Commissioner of Education shall design and implement a  
919 statewide, standardized assessment program aligned to the core  
920 curricular content established in the Next Generation Sunshine  
921 State Standards. The commissioner also must develop or select  
922 and implement a common battery of assessment tools that will be  
923 used in all juvenile justice education programs in the state.  
924 These tools must accurately measure the core curricular content  
925 established in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.  
926 Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all  
927 school districts and all students attending public schools,  
928 including adult students seeking a standard high school diploma  
929 under s. 1003.4282 and students in Department of Juvenile  
930 Justice education programs, except as otherwise provided by law.  
931 If a student does not participate in the assessment program, the  
932 school district must notify the student's parent and provide the  
933 parent with information regarding the implications of such  
934 nonparticipation. The statewide, standardized assessment program  
935 shall be designed and implemented as follows:

936 (b) *End-of-course (EOC) assessments.*—EOC assessments must  
937 be statewide, standardized, and developed or approved by the  
938 Department of Education as follows:

939 1. EOC assessments for Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I,



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940 United States History, and Civics shall be administered to  
941 students enrolled in such courses as specified in the course  
942 code directory.

943         2. Students enrolled in a course, as specified in the  
944 course code directory, with an associated statewide,  
945 standardized EOC assessment must take the EOC assessment for  
946 such course and may not take the corresponding subject or grade-  
947 level statewide, standardized assessment pursuant to paragraph  
948 (a). Sections 1003.4156 and 1003.4282 govern the use of  
949 statewide, standardized EOC assessment results for students.

950         3. The commissioner may select one or more nationally  
951 developed comprehensive examinations, which may include  
952 examinations for a College Board Advanced Placement course,  
953 International Baccalaureate course, or Advanced International  
954 Certificate of Education course, or industry-approved  
955 examinations to earn national industry certifications identified  
956 in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, for use as EOC  
957 assessments under this paragraph if the commissioner determines  
958 that the content knowledge and skills assessed by the  
959 examinations meet or exceed the grade-level expectations for the  
960 core curricular content established for the course in the Next  
961 Generation Sunshine State Standards. Use of any such examination  
962 as an EOC assessment must be approved by the state board in  
963 rule.

964         4. Contingent upon funding provided in the General  
965 Appropriations Act, including the appropriation of funds  
966 received through federal grants, the commissioner may establish  
967 an implementation schedule for the development and  
968 administration of additional statewide, standardized EOC



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969 assessments that must be approved by the state board in rule. If  
970 approved by the state board, student performance on such  
971 assessments constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of a student's final  
972 course grade.

973 5. All statewide, standardized EOC assessments must be  
974 administered online except as otherwise provided in paragraph  
975 (c).

976 6. A student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP),  
977 International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced International  
978 Certificate of Education (AICE) course who takes the respective  
979 AP, IB, or AICE assessment and earns the minimum score necessary  
980 to earn college credit, as identified in s. 1007.27(2), meets  
981 the requirements of this paragraph and does not have to take the  
982 EOC assessment for the course.

983 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 1003.4156, Florida  
984 Statutes, is amended to read:

985 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades  
986 promotion.—

987 (1) In order for a student to be promoted to high school  
988 from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the  
989 student must successfully complete the following courses:

990 (a) Three middle grades or higher courses in English  
991 Language Arts (ELA).

992 (b) Three middle grades or higher courses in mathematics.  
993 Each school that includes middle grades must offer at least one  
994 high school level mathematics course for which students may earn  
995 high school credit. Successful completion of a high school level  
996 Algebra I or Geometry course is not contingent upon the  
997 student's performance on the statewide, standardized end-of-



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998 course (EOC) assessment. To earn high school credit for Algebra  
999 I, a middle grades student must take the statewide, standardized  
1000 Algebra I EOC assessment and pass the course, and in addition,  
1001 beginning with the 2018-2019 ~~2013-2014~~ school year and  
1002 thereafter, a student's performance on the Algebra I EOC  
1003 assessment constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of the student's final  
1004 course grade. To earn high school credit for a Geometry course,  
1005 a middle grades student must take the statewide, standardized  
1006 Geometry EOC assessment, which constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of the  
1007 student's final course grade, and earn a passing grade in the  
1008 course.

1009 (c) Three middle grades or higher courses in social  
1010 studies. Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2012-  
1011 2013 school year, one of these courses must be at least a one-  
1012 semester civics education course that includes the roles and  
1013 responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the  
1014 structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and  
1015 judicial branches of government; and the meaning and  
1016 significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of  
1017 Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the  
1018 Constitution of the United States. Beginning with the 2018-2019  
1019 ~~2013-2014~~ school year, each student's performance on the  
1020 statewide, standardized EOC assessment in civics education  
1021 required under s. 1008.22 constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of the  
1022 student's final course grade. A middle grades student who  
1023 transfers into the state's public school system from out of  
1024 country, out of state, a private school, or a home education  
1025 program after the beginning of the second term of grade 8 is not  
1026 required to meet the civics education requirement for promotion



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1027 from the middle grades if the student's transcript documents  
1028 passage of three courses in social studies or two year-long  
1029 courses in social studies that include coverage of civics  
1030 education.

1031 (d) Three middle grades or higher courses in science.  
1032 Successful completion of a high school level Biology I course is  
1033 not contingent upon the student's performance on the statewide,  
1034 standardized EOC assessment required under s. 1008.22. However,  
1035 beginning with the 2018-2019 ~~2012-2013~~ school year, to earn high  
1036 school credit for a Biology I course, a middle grades student  
1037 must take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment,  
1038 which constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of the student's final course  
1039 grade, and earn a passing grade in the course.

1040 Section 16. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (3),  
1041 subsection (7), and paragraph (e) of subsection (9) of section  
1042 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1043 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

1044 (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT  
1045 REQUIREMENTS.—

1046 (b) *Four credits in mathematics.*—A student must earn one  
1047 credit in Algebra I and one credit in Geometry. A student's  
1048 performance on the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-of-  
1049 course (EOC) assessment constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of the  
1050 student's final course grade. A student must pass the statewide,  
1051 standardized Algebra I EOC assessment, or earn a comparative  
1052 score, in order to earn a standard high school diploma. A  
1053 student's performance on the statewide, standardized Geometry  
1054 EOC assessment constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of the student's final  
1055 course grade. A student who earns an industry certification for



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1056 which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement  
1057 approved by the State Board of Education may substitute the  
1058 certification for one mathematics credit. Substitution may occur  
1059 for up to two mathematics credits, except for Algebra I and  
1060 Geometry.

1061 (c) *Three credits in science.*—Two of the three required  
1062 credits must have a laboratory component. A student must earn  
1063 one credit in Biology I and two credits in equally rigorous  
1064 courses. The statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment  
1065 constitutes 10 ~~30~~ percent of the student's final course grade. A  
1066 student who earns an industry certification for which there is a  
1067 statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the  
1068 State Board of Education may substitute the certification for  
1069 one science credit, except for Biology I.

1070 (d) *Three credits in social studies.*—A student must earn  
1071 one credit in United States History; one credit in World  
1072 History; one-half credit in economics, which must include  
1073 financial literacy; and one-half credit in United States  
1074 Government. The United States History EOC assessment constitutes  
1075 10 ~~30~~ percent of the student's final course grade.

1076 (7) UNIFORM TRANSFER OF HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS.—~~Beginning with~~  
1077 ~~the 2012-2013 school year,~~ If a student transfers to a Florida  
1078 public high school from out of country, out of state, a private  
1079 school, or a home education program and the student's transcript  
1080 shows a credit in Algebra I, the student must pass the  
1081 statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment in order to  
1082 earn a standard high school diploma unless the student earned a  
1083 comparative score, passed a statewide assessment in Algebra I  
1084 administered by the transferring entity, or passed the statewide



1085 mathematics assessment the transferring entity uses to satisfy  
1086 the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act,  
1087 20 U.S.C. s. 6301. If a student's transcript shows a credit in  
1088 high school reading or English Language Arts II or III, in order  
1089 to earn a standard high school diploma, the student must take  
1090 and pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 Reading assessment  
1091 or, when implemented, the grade 10 ELA assessment, or earn a  
1092 concordant score. If a transfer student's transcript shows a  
1093 final course grade and course credit in Algebra I, Geometry,  
1094 Biology I, or United States History, the transferring course  
1095 final grade and credit shall be honored without the student  
1096 taking the requisite statewide, standardized EOC assessment and  
1097 without the assessment results constituting 10 ~~30~~ percent of the  
1098 student's final course grade.

1099 (9) COHORT TRANSITION TO NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.—The  
1100 requirements of this section, in addition to applying to  
1101 students entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year and  
1102 thereafter, shall also apply to students entering grade 9 before  
1103 the 2013-2014 school year, except as otherwise provided in this  
1104 subsection.

1105 (e) Policy adopted in rule by the district school board may  
1106 require for any cohort of students that performance on a  
1107 statewide, standardized EOC assessment constitute 10 ~~30~~ percent  
1108 of a student's final course grade.

1109 Section 17. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

1110 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

1111 And the title is amended as follows:

1112 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
1113 and insert:



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1114                                   A bill to be entitled  
1115           An act relating to education; amending s. 121.091,  
1116           F.S.; revising limitations on the maximum length of  
1117           participation in the Deferred Retirement Option  
1118           Program for certain instructional personnel and  
1119           administrative personnel; requiring an employer to  
1120           notify the Division of Retirement of the Department of  
1121           Management Services regarding any change in  
1122           termination date and program participation for each  
1123           affected member; providing a statement of important  
1124           state interest; amending s. 1007.2616, F.S.; providing  
1125           a definition; providing requirements for specified  
1126           instruction relating to computer science; requiring  
1127           certain computer science courses to be included in the  
1128           Course Code Directory and published on the Department  
1129           of Education's website by a specified date; requiring  
1130           the Florida Virtual School to offer certain computer  
1131           science courses; requiring school districts to provide  
1132           access to computer science courses offered by the  
1133           Florida Virtual School or by other means under certain  
1134           circumstances; providing funds for school districts to  
1135           provide professional development for classroom  
1136           teachers; providing Department of Education  
1137           responsibilities for the distribution of such funds;  
1138           requiring high school students to be provided  
1139           opportunities to take certain courses to meet certain  
1140           graduation requirements; providing funds for bonuses  
1141           for certain classroom teachers; requiring, rather than  
1142           authorizing, the State Board of Education to adopt





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1143 rules; creating s. 800.101, F.S.; providing  
1144 definitions; prohibiting certain conduct with students  
1145 by authority figures; providing penalties; providing  
1146 exceptions; amending s. 810.097, F.S.; including  
1147 school buses within the definition of the term  
1148 "school" for purposes of trespass upon grounds or  
1149 facilities of a school; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.;  
1150 requiring school districts to adopt certain standards  
1151 of ethical conduct; requiring the district school  
1152 superintendent to report certain misconduct to law  
1153 enforcement agencies; amending s. 1001.51, F.S.;  
1154 providing for the forfeiture of a district school  
1155 superintendent's salary for a specified period for  
1156 failure to report certain misconduct to law  
1157 enforcement agencies; amending s. 1012.27, F.S.;  
1158 requiring the district school superintendent to notify  
1159 a parent of specified information relating to  
1160 allegations of misconduct by instructional personnel  
1161 or school administrators; amending s. 1012.31, F.S.;  
1162 requiring a resignation or termination before an  
1163 investigation of certain misconduct is concluded to be  
1164 indicated in a personnel file; specifying that legally  
1165 sufficient complaints of certain misconduct must be  
1166 reported to the Department of Education; amending s.  
1167 1012.315, F.S.; expanding the scope of provisions  
1168 requiring the disqualification of persons convicted of  
1169 certain offenses to apply to all persons who are  
1170 required to have contact with students; providing an  
1171 additional offense that disqualifies such persons from



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1172 employment; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; authorizing the  
1173 Department of Education to deny applicants for  
1174 certification if the applicant could be disciplined by  
1175 the Education Practices Commission; authorizing the  
1176 commission to approve an application with certain  
1177 conditions; amending s. 1012.795, F.S.; authorizing  
1178 the commission to take certain actions against persons  
1179 who meet specified criteria; revising reporting  
1180 requirements concerning specified misconduct by  
1181 certified personnel; amending s. 1012.796, F.S.;  
1182 requiring a school district to file certain complaints  
1183 with the Department of Education even if the subject  
1184 of the complaint is no longer employed by the  
1185 district; requiring certain information be included on  
1186 an educator's certificate file; requiring certified  
1187 educators who are placed on probation to immediately  
1188 notify a specified office upon separation from, rather  
1189 than termination of, employment; amending s. 1008.22,  
1190 F.S.; revising end-of-course assessment requirements;  
1191 amending ss. 1003.4156 and 1003.4282, F.S.; conforming  
1192 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an  
1193 effective date.