

By Senator Baxley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to prohibited conduct between
3 authority figures and students; creating s. 800.10,
4 F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting an authority figure
5 from soliciting or engaging in sexual conduct or a
6 romantic relationship with a student; prohibiting an
7 authority figure from soliciting or engaging in lewd
8 conduct with a student; providing a criminal penalty;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 800.10, Florida Statutes, is created to
14 read:

15 800.10 Prohibited conduct between authority figure and
16 student; penalty.-

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

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

22 (b) "School" has the same meaning as provided in s. 1003.01
23 and includes a private school as defined in s. 1002.01, a
24 voluntary prekindergarten education program as described in s.
25 1002.53(3), early learning programs, a public school as
26 described in s. 402.3025(1), the Florida School for the Deaf and
27 the Blind, and the Florida Virtual School established under s.
28 1002.37. The term does not include facilities dedicated
29 exclusively to the education of adults.

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30 (c) "Student" means a person who is enrolled at a school.
31 (2) An authority figure may not solicit or engage in sexual
32 conduct or a romantic relationship with a student. An authority
33 figure may not solicit or engage in lewd conduct with a student.
34 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
35 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
36 775.083, or s. 775.084.
37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.