

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

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7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1.   Section 1001.4205, Florida Statutes, is amended  
10          to read:

11           1001.4205   Visitation of schools ~~by an individual school~~  
12          ~~board or charter school governing board member.~~—An individual  
13          member of a district school board may, on any day and at any  
14          time at his or her pleasure, visit any district school in his or  
15          her school district. An individual member of the State  
16          Legislature may, on any day and at any time at his or her  
17          pleasure, visit any district school in his or her legislative  
18          district. An individual member of a charter school governing  
19          board ~~member~~ may, on any day and at any time at his or her  
20          pleasure, visit any charter school governed by the charter  
21          school's governing board.

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

26        (2) The board, the school, or any other person or entity,  
27 including, but not limited to, the principal of the school, the  
28 school superintendent, or any ~~other~~ board member, may not  
29 require the visiting individual ~~board member~~ to provide notice  
30 before visiting the school.

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

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

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

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