

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Simmons) recommended the following: Senate Amendment (with title amendment) Delete lines 418 - 452 and insert: (a) Each district school superintendent shall designate a school administrator as a school safety specialist for the district. The school safety specialist must be a school administrator employed by the school district or a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in the school district. Any school safety specialist designated

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from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved

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12 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school 13 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains the employee of the office for purposes of compensation, 14 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized 15 16 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's 17 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the 18 19 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer 20 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must 21 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist 22 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year 23 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and 24 oversight for all school safety and security personnel, 25 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school 26 safety specialist shall:

1. Review policies and procedures for compliance with state law and rules.

2. Provide the necessary training and resources to students and school district staff in matters relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures, including active shooter training; and school safety and security.

33 3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security.

36 4. Conduct a school security risk assessment in accordance 37 with s. 1006.1493 at each public school using the school 38 security risk assessment tool developed by the Office of Safe 39 Schools. Based on the assessment findings, the district's school 40 safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the district

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41 school board which identify strategies and activities that the 42 district school board should implement in order to improve 43 school safety and security. Annually, each district school board 44 must receive such findings and the school safety specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district school board 45 46 meeting to provide the public an opportunity to hear the 47 district school board members discuss and take action on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety specialist 48 49 shall report such findings and school board action to the Office of Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board 50 51 meeting. 52 53 54 And the title is amended as follows: 55 Delete lines 51 - 54 56 and insert: 57 for services; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring that a school safety specialist be a school 58 59 administrator employed by the school district or a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office 60 located in the school district; providing requirements 61 62 for a school safety specialist designated from a sheriff's office; providing that a school safety 63 specialist designated from a sheriff's office remains 64 65 an employee of such office for certain purposes; 66 authorizing the sheriff and school superintendent to 67 determine by agreement the reimbursement of or sharing of costs associated with employment of the law 68 69 enforcement officer as a school safety specialist;