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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Good offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 213-1007 and insert:

prevention or abatement of active assailant incidents, as required under this paragraph. Persons certified as school guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant incident.

1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to subparagraph 2., to school district or charter school employees,

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14 either directly or through a contract with another sheriff's
15 office that has established a guardian program.

16 b. A charter school governing board in a school district
17 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian
18 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a
19 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school
20 employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter
21 school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has
22 established a guardian program to provide such training. The
23 charter school governing board must notify the superintendent
24 and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract
25 prior to its execution.

26 c. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to
27 subparagraph 2. will be reimbursed for screening-related and
28 training-related costs and for providing a one-time stipend of
29 \$500 to each school guardian who participates in the school
30 guardian program on school premises. A school guardian has no
31 authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the
32 extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant
33 incident on a school premises.

34 2. A Excluded from participating in the Coach Aaron Feis
35 Guardian Program are individuals who exclusively perform
36 classroom duties as classroom teachers as defined in s.
37 1012.01(2) (a). This limitation does not apply to classroom
38 teachers of a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, a

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39 ~~current servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, or a current or~~
40 ~~former law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), (6),~~
41 ~~or (8).~~ The sheriff who establishes a ~~chooses to establish the~~
42 program shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement on
43 programmatic guiding principles, practices, and resources, and
44 shall certify ~~appoint~~ as school guardians, without the power of
45 arrest, school employees, as specified in s. 1006.12(3), who
46 ~~volunteer and who:~~

47 ~~a.1.~~ Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06.

48 ~~b.2.~~ Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of
49 12 hours of a certified nationally recognized diversity training
50 and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and
51 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and
52 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

53 ~~(I)a.~~ Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the
54 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law
55 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least
56 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than
57 associated with academy training. Program participants must
58 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

59 ~~(II)b.~~ Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

60 ~~(III)e.~~ Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction
61 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

62 ~~(IV)d.~~ Eight hours of instruction in active shooter or
63 assailant scenarios.

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64 ~~(V)e.~~ Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

65 ~~(VI)f.~~ Twelve hours of instruction in legal issues.

66 ~~c.3.~~ Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
67 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
68 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
69 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law
70 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with
71 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
72 paragraph.

73 ~~d.4.~~ Submit to and pass an initial drug test and
74 subsequent random drug tests in accordance with the requirements
75 of s. 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

76 ~~e.5.~~ Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
77 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
78 basis.

79 ~~6.~~ ~~Successfully complete at least 12 hours of a certified~~
80 ~~nationally recognized diversity training program.~~

81
82 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training shall issue a
83 school guardian certificate to individuals who meet the
84 requirements of this section to the satisfaction of the sheriff,
85 and ~~subparagraph 2.~~ The sheriff shall maintain documentation of
86 weapon and equipment inspections, as well as the training,
87 certification, inspection, and qualification records of each
88 school guardian certified ~~appointed~~ by the sheriff. An

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89 individual who is certified under this paragraph may serve as a
90 school guardian under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or she is
91 appointed by the applicable school district superintendent or
92 charter school principal. For purposes of this paragraph, the
93 term "active assailant incident" means a situation where one or
94 more individuals are actively engaged in killing or attempting
95 to kill people with a firearm on school premises.

96 Section 2. Effective October 1, 2019, section 843.08,
97 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

98 843.08 False personation.—A person who falsely assumes or
99 pretends to be a firefighter, a sheriff, an officer of the
100 Florida Highway Patrol, an officer of the Fish and Wildlife
101 Conservation Commission, a fire or arson investigator of the
102 Department of Financial Services, an officer of the Department
103 of Financial Services, an officer of the Department of
104 Corrections, a correctional probation officer, a deputy sheriff,
105 a state attorney or an assistant state attorney, a statewide
106 prosecutor or an assistant statewide prosecutor, a state
107 attorney investigator, a coroner, a police officer, a lottery
108 special agent or lottery investigator, a beverage enforcement
109 agent, a school guardian as described in s. 30.15(1)(k), a
110 security officer licensed under chapter 493 ~~or watchman,~~ ~~or~~ any
111 member of the Florida Commission on Offender Review or ~~and~~ any
112 administrative aide or supervisor employed by the commission, ~~or~~
113 any personnel or representative of the Department of Law

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114 Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement officer as defined in
115 s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as such,
116 or to require any other person to aid or assist him or her in a
117 matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer, commits a
118 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
119 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who
120 falsely personates any such officer during the course of the
121 commission of a felony commits a felony of the second degree,
122 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
123 If the commission of the felony results in the death or personal
124 injury of another human being, the person commits a felony of
125 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
126 775.083, or s. 775.084. ~~The term "watchman" means a security~~
127 ~~officer licensed under chapter 493.~~

128 Section 3. Subsection (16) is added to section 943.03,
129 Florida Statutes, to read:

130 943.03 Department of Law Enforcement.—

131 (16) Upon request, the department shall consult with
132 sheriffs to provide input regarding programmatic guiding
133 principles, practices, and resources in order to assist in the
134 development and implementation of the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian
135 Program established pursuant to s. 30.15. Such input and
136 guidance may include, but need not be limited to, standards,
137 curriculum, instructional strategies, evaluation, certification,
138 records retention, equipment, and other resource needs.

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139 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 943.082, Florida
140 Statutes, is amended to read:

141 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

142 (4) (a) Law enforcement dispatch centers, school districts,
143 schools, and other entities identified by the department must
144 ~~shall~~ be made aware of the mobile suspicious activity reporting
145 tool.

146 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the
147 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on
148 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,
149 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile
150 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on
151 all computer devices issued to students.

152 Section 5. Subsection (9) is added to section 1001.10,
153 Florida Statutes, to read:

154 1001.10 Commissioner of Education; general powers and
155 duties.—

156 (9) The commissioner shall review the report of the School
157 Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup regarding hardening and
158 harm mitigation strategies and recommendations submitted by the
159 Office of Safe Schools, pursuant to s. 1001.212(11). By
160 September 1, 2020, the commissioner shall submit a summary of
161 such recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
162 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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163 Section 6. Subsection (9) is added to section 1001.11,
164 Florida Statutes, to read:

165 1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.—

166 (9) The commissioner shall oversee compliance with the
167 safety and security requirements of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas
168 High School Public Safety Act, chapter 2018-03, Laws of Florida,
169 by school districts; district school superintendents; and public
170 schools, including charter schools. The commissioner must
171 facilitate compliance to the maximum extent provided under law,
172 identify incidents of noncompliance, and impose or recommend to
173 the State Board of Education, the Governor, or the Legislature
174 enforcement and sanctioning actions pursuant to s. 1008.32 and
175 other authority granted under law.

176 Section 7. Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, is amended
177 to read:

178 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
179 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
180 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
181 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
182 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
183 regarding school safety and security, including prevention
184 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
185 planning. The office shall:

186 (1) Establish and update as necessary a school security
187 risk assessment tool for use by school districts pursuant to s.

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188 1006.07(6). The office shall make the security risk assessment
189 tool available for use by charter schools. The office shall
190 provide annual training to appropriate school district and
191 charter school personnel on the proper assessment of physical
192 site security and completion of the school security risk
193 assessment tool.

194 (2) Provide ongoing professional development opportunities
195 to school district personnel.

196 (3) Provide a coordinated and interdisciplinary approach
197 to providing technical assistance and guidance to school
198 districts on safety and security and recommendations to address
199 findings identified pursuant to s. 1006.07(6).

200 (4) Develop and implement a School Safety Specialist
201 Training Program for school safety specialists appointed
202 pursuant to s. 1006.07(6). The office shall develop the training
203 program which shall be based on national and state best
204 practices on school safety and security and must include active
205 shooter training. The office shall develop training modules in
206 traditional or online formats. A school safety specialist
207 certificate of completion shall be awarded to a school safety
208 specialist who satisfactorily completes the training required by
209 rules of the office.

210 (5) Review and provide recommendations on the security
211 risk assessments. The department may contract with security
212 personnel, consulting engineers, architects, or other safety and

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213 security experts the department deems necessary for safety and
214 security consultant services.

215 (6) Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement to
216 provide a centralized integrated data repository and data
217 analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete, and
218 accurate information integrating data from, at a minimum, but
219 not limited to, the following data sources by August 1, 2019
220 ~~December 1, 2018~~:

221 (a) Social media Internet posts;

222 (b) Department of Children and Families;

223 (c) Department of Law Enforcement;

224 (d) Department of Juvenile Justice;

225 (e) Mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as
226 FortifyFL;

227 (f) School environmental safety incident reports collected
228 under subsection (8); and

229 (g) ~~(e)~~ Local law enforcement.

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231 Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from public
232 records requirements retains its exempt or confidential and
233 exempt status when incorporated into the centralized integrated
234 data repository. To maintain the confidentiality requirements
235 attached to the information provided to the centralized
236 integrated data repository by the various state and local
237 agencies, data governance and security shall ensure compliance

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238 with all applicable state and federal data privacy requirements
239 through the use of user authorization and role-based security,
240 data anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities. To
241 maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the
242 information provided to the centralized integrated data
243 repository by the various state and local agencies, each source
244 agency providing data to the repository shall be the sole
245 custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for
246 inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department
247 shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in
248 accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies
249 and the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
250 Criminal Justice Information Services security policy, where
251 applicable.

252 (7) Provide data to support the evaluation of mental
253 health services pursuant to s. 1004.44.

254 (8) Provide technical assistance to school districts and
255 charter school governing boards for school environmental safety
256 incident reporting as required under s. 1006.07(9). The office
257 shall collect data through school environmental safety incident
258 reports on incidents involving any person which occur on school
259 premises, on school transportation, and at off-campus, school-
260 sponsored events. The office shall review and evaluate school
261 district reports to ensure compliance with reporting
262 requirements. Upon notification by the department that a

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263 superintendent has failed to comply with the requirements of s.
264 1006.07(9), the district school board shall withhold further
265 payment of his or her salary as authorized under s.
266 1001.42(13)(b) and impose other appropriate sanctions that the
267 commissioner or state board by law may impose.

268 ~~(7) Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from~~
269 ~~public records requirements retains its exempt or confidential~~
270 ~~and exempt status when incorporated into the centralized~~
271 ~~integrated data repository.~~

272 ~~(8) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached~~
273 ~~to the information provided to the centralized integrated data~~
274 ~~repository by the various state and local agencies, data~~
275 ~~governance and security shall ensure compliance with all~~
276 ~~applicable state and federal data privacy requirements through~~
277 ~~the use of user authorization and role-based security, data~~
278 ~~anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities.~~

279 ~~(9) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached~~
280 ~~to the information provided to the centralized integrated data~~
281 ~~repository by the various state and local agencies, each source~~
282 ~~agency providing data for the repository shall be the sole~~
283 ~~eustodian of the data for the purpose of any request for~~
284 ~~inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department~~
285 ~~shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in~~
286 ~~accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies.~~

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287 ~~(9)-(10)~~ Award grants to schools to improve the safety and
288 security of school buildings based upon recommendations of the
289 security risk assessment developed pursuant to subsection (1).

290 ~~(10)-(11)~~ Disseminate, in consultation with the Department
291 of Law Enforcement, to participating schools awareness and
292 education materials on the School Safety Awareness Program
293 developed pursuant to s. 943.082.

294 (11) (a) Convene a School Hardening and Harm Mitigation
295 Workgroup composed of individuals with subject matter expertise
296 on school campus hardening best practices. The workgroup shall
297 meet as necessary to review school hardening and harm mitigation
298 policies, including, but not limited to, the target hardening
299 practices implemented in other states; the school safety
300 guidelines developed by organizations such as the Partner
301 Alliance for Safer Schools; the tiered approach to target campus
302 hardening strategies identified in the initial report submitted
303 by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety
304 Commission pursuant to s. 943.687(9); and the Florida Building
305 Code for educational facilities construction to determine
306 whether the building code may need to be modified to strengthen
307 school safety and security. Based on this review of school
308 safety best practices, by August 1, 2020, the workgroup shall
309 submit a report to the executive director of the office which
310 includes, at a minimum, a prioritized list for the
311 implementation of school campus hardening and harm mitigation

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312 strategies and the estimated costs of and timeframes for
313 implementation of the strategies by school districts and charter
314 schools. The estimated costs must include regional and statewide
315 projections of the implementation costs.

316 (b) Submit to the commissioner:

- 317 1. The workgroup's report pursuant to paragraph (a); and
318 2. Recommendations regarding procedures for the office to
319 use to monitor and enforce compliance by the school districts
320 and charter schools in the implementation of the workgroup's
321 recommended campus hardening and harm mitigation strategies.

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323 This subsection is repealed June 30, 2023.

324 (12) By August 1, 2019, develop a standardized, statewide
325 behavioral threat assessment instrument for use by all public
326 schools, including charter schools, which addresses early
327 identification, evaluation, early intervention, and student
328 support.

329 (a) The standardized, statewide behavioral threat
330 assessment instrument must include, but need not be limited to,
331 components and forms that address:

332 1. An assessment of the threat, which includes an
333 assessment of the student, family, and school and social
334 dynamics.

335 2. An evaluation to determine if the threat is transient
336 or substantive.

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337 3. The response to a substantive threat, which includes
338 the school response and the role of law enforcement agencies.

339 4. The response to a serious substantive threat, including
340 mental health and law enforcement referrals.

341 5. Ongoing monitoring to assess implementation of safety
342 strategies.

343 6. Training for members of threat assessment teams
344 established under s. 1006.07(7) and school administrators
345 regarding the use of the instrument.

346 (b) The office shall:

347 1. By August 1, 2020, evaluate each school district's and
348 charter school governing board's behavioral threat assessment
349 procedures for compliance with this subsection.

350 2. Notify the district school superintendent or charter
351 school governing board, as applicable, if the behavioral threat
352 assessment is not in compliance with this subsection.

353 3. Report any issues of ongoing noncompliance with this
354 subsection to the commissioner and the district school
355 superintendent or the charter school governing board, as
356 applicable.

357 (13) Establish the Statewide Threat Assessment Database
358 Workgroup, composed of members appointed by the department, to
359 complement the work of the department and the Department of Law
360 Enforcement associated with the centralized integrated data
361 repository and data analytics resources initiative and make

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362 recommendations regarding the development of a statewide threat
363 assessment database. The database must allow authorized public
364 school personnel to enter information related to any threat
365 assessment conducted at their respective schools using the
366 instrument developed by the office pursuant to subsection (12),
367 and must provide such information to authorized personnel in
368 each school district and public school and to appropriate
369 stakeholders. By December 31, 2019, the workgroup shall provide
370 a report to the office with recommendations that include, but
371 need not be limited to:

372 (a) Threat assessment data that should be required to be
373 entered into the database.

374 (b) School district and public school personnel who should
375 be allowed to input student records to the database and view
376 such records.

377 (c) Database design and functionality, to include data
378 security.

379 (d) Restrictions and authorities on information sharing,
380 including:

381 1. Section 1002.22 and other applicable state laws.

382 2. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA),
383 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, 42 C.F.R. part 2; the Health Insurance
384 Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. s. 1320d6,
385 45 C.F.R. part 164, subpart E; and other applicable federal
386 laws.

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387 3. The appropriateness of interagency agreements that will
388 allow law enforcement to view database records.

389 (e) The cost to develop and maintain a statewide online
390 database.

391 (f) An implementation plan and timeline for the workgroup
392 recommendations.

393 (14) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to
394 school safety by school districts and public schools, including
395 charter schools. The office shall report incidents of
396 noncompliance to the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and
397 the state board pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of
398 law, as appropriate.

399 (15) Annually publish a list detailing the total number of
400 safe-school officers in this state, the total number of safe-
401 school officers disciplined or relieved of their duties because
402 of misconduct in the previous year, the total number of
403 disciplinary incidents involving safe-school officers, and the
404 number of incidents in which a safe-school officer discharged
405 his or her firearm outside of a training situation or in the
406 exercise of his or her duties as a safe-school officer.

407 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section
408 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409 1002.33 Charter schools.—

410 (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

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411 (b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance
412 with the following statutes:

413 1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and
414 records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.

415 2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.

416 3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size,
417 except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s.
418 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.

419 4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and
420 salary schedules.

421 5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.

422 6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with
423 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.

424 7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive
425 requirements for performance evaluations for instructional
426 personnel and school administrators.

427 8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.

428 9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat assessment
429 teams.

430 10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental
431 Safety Incident Reporting.

432 11. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe
433 Schools Assessment Tool.

434 12. Section 1006.07(6)(c), relating to adopting an active
435 assailant response plan.

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436 13. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile
437 suspicious activity reporting tool.

438 14. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health
439 awareness and assistance training.

440 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1003.25, Florida
441 Statutes, is amended to read:

442 1003.25 Procedures for maintenance and transfer of student
443 records.—

444 (2) The procedure for transferring and maintaining records
445 of students who transfer from school to school shall be
446 prescribed by rules of the State Board of Education. The
447 transfer of records shall occur within 3 school days. The
448 records shall include:

449 (a) Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior
450 patterns, including threat assessment evaluations and
451 intervention services.

452 (b) Psychological evaluations, including therapeutic
453 treatment plans and therapy or progress notes created or
454 maintained by school district or charter school staff, as
455 appropriate.

456 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (a)
457 of subsection (4), and subsections (6) and (7) of section
458 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (9) is
459 added to that section, to read:

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460 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
461 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
462 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
463 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
464 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
465 welfare of students, including:

466 (1) CONTROL OF STUDENTS.—

467 (b) Require each student at the time of initial
468 registration for school in the school district to note previous
469 school expulsions, arrests resulting in a charge, juvenile
470 justice actions, and any corresponding referral referrals to
471 mental health services by the school district ~~the student has~~
472 ~~had~~, and have the authority as the district school board of a
473 receiving school district to honor the final order of expulsion
474 or dismissal of a student by any in-state or out-of-state public
475 district school board or private school, or lab school, for an
476 act which would have been grounds for expulsion according to the
477 receiving district school board's code of student conduct, in
478 accordance with the following procedures:

479 1. A final order of expulsion shall be recorded in the
480 records of the receiving school district.

481 2. The expelled student applying for admission to the
482 receiving school district shall be advised of the final order of
483 expulsion.

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484 3. The district school superintendent of the receiving
485 school district may recommend to the district school board that
486 the final order of expulsion be waived and the student be
487 admitted to the school district, or that the final order of
488 expulsion be honored and the student not be admitted to the
489 school district. If the student is admitted by the district
490 school board, with or without the recommendation of the district
491 school superintendent, the student may be placed in an
492 appropriate educational program and referred to mental health
493 services identified by the school district pursuant to s.
494 1012.584(4), when appropriate, at the direction of the district
495 school board.

496 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

497 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in
498 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for
499 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not
500 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active shooter and hostage
501 situations, and bomb threats, for all students and faculty at
502 all public schools of the district comprised of grades K-12.
503 Drills for active shooter and hostage situations shall be
504 conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and
505 age-appropriate procedures at least as often as other emergency
506 drills. District school board policies shall include commonly
507 used alarm system responses for specific types of emergencies
508 and verification by each school that drills have been provided

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509 as required by law and fire protection codes. The emergency
510 response policy shall identify the individuals responsible for
511 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the
512 emergency response agency that is responsible for notifying the
513 school district for each type of emergency.

514 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district
515 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures
516 for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the
517 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior
518 poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

519 (a) Each district school superintendent shall designate a
520 ~~school administrator as~~ a school safety specialist for the
521 district. The school safety specialist must be a school
522 administrator employed by the school district or a law
523 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in
524 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated
525 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved
526 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school
527 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains
528 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,
529 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized
530 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's
531 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine
532 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the
533 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer

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534 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must
535 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist
536 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year
537 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and
538 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,
539 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school
540 safety specialist shall:

541 1. Review school district policies and procedures for
542 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's
543 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety
544 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).

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

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

553 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety
554 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of
555 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment ~~in~~
556 accordance with ~~s. 1006.1493~~ at each public school using the
557 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool ~~school security risk~~
558 assessment tool developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant

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559 | to s. 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the
560 | district's school safety specialist shall provide
561 | recommendations to the district school superintendent and the
562 | district school board which identify strategies and activities
563 | that the district school board should implement in order to
564 | address the findings and improve school safety and security.
565 | ~~Annually,~~ Each district school board must receive such findings
566 | and the school safety specialist's recommendations at a publicly
567 | noticed district school board meeting to provide the public an
568 | opportunity to hear the district school board members discuss
569 | and take action on the findings and recommendations. Each school
570 | safety specialist shall report such findings and school board
571 | action to the Office of Safe Schools within 30 days after the
572 | district school board meeting.

573 | (b) Each school safety specialist shall coordinate with
574 | the appropriate public safety agencies, as defined in s.
575 | 365.171, that are designated as first responders to a school's
576 | campus to conduct a tour of such campus once every 3 years and
577 | provide recommendations related to school safety. The
578 | recommendations by the public safety agencies must be considered
579 | as part of the recommendations by the school safety specialist
580 | pursuant to paragraph (a).

581 | (c) Each district school board and charter school
582 | governing board must adopt an active assailant response plan. By
583 | October 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, each district school

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584 superintendent and charter school principal shall certify that
585 all school personnel have received annual training on the
586 procedures contained in the active assailant response plan for
587 the applicable school district or charter school.

588 (7) THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board
589 shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment
590 teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of
591 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose
592 behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or
593 students consistent with the model policies developed by the
594 Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must ~~shall~~ include
595 procedures for referrals to mental health services identified by
596 the school district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when
597 appropriate, and procedures for behavioral threat assessments in
598 compliance with the instrument developed pursuant to s.
599 1001.212(12).

600 (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with
601 expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and
602 law enforcement. The threat assessment teams shall identify
603 members of the school community to whom threatening behavior
604 should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty,
605 and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant
606 behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school,
607 or self. Upon the availability of the behavioral threat

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608 assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12), the
609 threat assessment team shall use that instrument.

610 (b) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses
611 a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or
612 others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its
613 determination to the superintendent or his or her designee. The
614 superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt
615 to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in
616 this subsection shall preclude school district personnel from
617 acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

618 (c) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat
619 assessment team that a student poses a threat of violence to
620 himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly
621 disruptive behavior or need for assistance, authorized members
622 of the threat assessment team may obtain criminal history record
623 information pursuant to s. 985.04(1), ~~as provided in s. 985.047.~~
624 A member of a threat assessment team may not disclose any
625 criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this
626 section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the
627 purpose for which such disclosure was made to the threat
628 assessment team.

629 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state
630 and local agencies and programs that provide services to
631 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or
632 a mental illness, including the school districts, school

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633 personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the
634 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and
635 Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care
636 Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the
637 Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office,
638 and any service or support provider contracting with such
639 agencies, may share with each other records or information that
640 are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 if
641 the records or information are reasonably necessary to ensure
642 access to appropriate services for the student or to ensure the
643 safety of the student or others. All such state and local
644 agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and
645 coordinate efforts to serve such students.

646 (e) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse
647 crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow policies
648 established by the threat assessment team to engage behavioral
649 health crisis resources. Behavioral health crisis resources,
650 including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school
651 resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide
652 emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and
653 refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school
654 personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to
655 the threat assessment team, which shall contact the other
656 agencies involved with the student and any known service
657 providers to share information and coordinate any necessary

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658 | followup actions. Upon the student's transfer to a different
659 | school, the threat assessment team shall verify that any
660 | intervention services provided to the student remain in place
661 | until the threat assessment team of the receiving school
662 | independently determines the need for intervention services.

663 | (f) Each threat assessment team established pursuant to
664 | this subsection shall report quantitative data on its activities
665 | to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with guidance from
666 | the office and shall utilize the threat assessment database
667 | developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(13) upon the availability of
668 | the database.

669 | (9) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING.—Each
670 | district school board shall adopt policies to ensure the
671 | accurate and timely reporting of incidents related to school
672 | safety and discipline. The district school superintendent is
673 | responsible for school environmental safety incident reporting.
674 | A district school superintendent who fails to comply with this
675 | subsection is subject to the penalties specified in law,
676 | including, but not limited to, s. 1001.42(13)(b) or s.
677 | 1001.51(12)(b), as applicable. The State Board of Education
678 | shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school
679 | environmental safety incident report.

680 | Section 11. Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended
681 | to read:

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682 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
683 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
684 students, and visitors, each district school board and school
685 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
686 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
687 safe-school officers at each school facility within the
688 district, including charter schools. A district school board
689 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
690 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
691 options available under this section. The school district may
692 implement ~~by implementing~~ any combination of the ~~following~~
693 options in subsections (1)-(4) to best meet ~~which best meets~~ the
694 needs of the school district and charter schools.÷

695 (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may
696 establish school resource officer programs, through a
697 cooperative agreement with law enforcement agencies.

698 (a) School resource officers shall undergo criminal
699 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation
700 and be certified law enforcement officers, as defined in s.
701 943.10(1), who are employed by a law enforcement agency as
702 defined in s. 943.10(4). The powers and duties of a law
703 enforcement officer shall continue throughout the employee's
704 tenure as a school resource officer.

705 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district
706 school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate

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707 activities through the school principal, but shall be
708 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters
709 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district
710 school board and a law enforcement agency. Activities conducted
711 by the school resource officer which are part of the regular
712 instructional program of the school shall be under the direction
713 of the school principal.

714 (c) Complete mental health crisis intervention training
715 using a curriculum developed by a national organization with
716 expertise in mental health crisis intervention. The training
717 shall improve officers' knowledge and skills as first responders
718 to incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or
719 mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student
720 and officer safety.

721 (2) SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER.—A school district may
722 commission one or more school safety officers for the protection
723 and safety of school personnel, property, and students within
724 the school district. The district school superintendent may
725 recommend, and the district school board may appoint, one or
726 more school safety officers.

727 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal
728 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation
729 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1),
730 certified under the provisions of chapter 943 and employed by
731 either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board.

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732 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the
733 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of
734 chapter 943, and must comply with the provisions of that
735 chapter.

736 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
737 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
738 board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such
739 property, who violate any law on such property under the same
740 conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.
741 A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when
742 performing his or her official duties.

743 (c) A district school board may enter into mutual aid
744 agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided
745 in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid
746 jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement
747 agency, as mutually agreed to.

748 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—At the school district's or the
749 charter school governing board's discretion, as applicable,
750 pursuant to s. 30.15, a school district or charter school
751 governing board may participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian
752 Program if such program is established pursuant to s. 30.15, to
753 meet the requirement of establishing a safe-school officer. The
754 following individuals may serve as a school guardian, in support
755 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon

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756 satisfactory completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k)
757 and certification by a sheriff:

758 (a) A school district employee or personnel, as defined
759 under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided
760 under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school
761 guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

762 (b) An employee of a school district or a charter school
763 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school
764 guardian.

765 (4) SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD.—A school district or charter
766 school governing board may contract with a security agency as
767 defined in s. 493.6101(18) to employ as a school security guard
768 an individual who holds a Class "D" and Class "G" license
769 pursuant to chapter 493, provided the following training and
770 contractual conditions are met:

771 (a) An individual who serves as a school security guard,
772 for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section,
773 must:

774 1. Demonstrate completion of 144 hours of required
775 training pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.

776 2. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
777 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
778 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
779 evaluation to the sheriff's office, school district, or charter
780 school governing board, as applicable. The Department of Law

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781 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office,
782 school district, or charter school governing board with mental
783 health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
784 paragraph.

785 3. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
786 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
787 112.0455 and the sheriff's office, school district, or charter
788 school governing board, as applicable.

789 4. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
790 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
791 basis and provide documentation to the sheriff's office, school
792 district, or charter school governing board, as applicable.

793 (b) The contract between a security agency and a school
794 district or a charter school governing board regarding
795 requirements applicable to school security guards serving in the
796 capacity of a safe-school officer for purposes of satisfying the
797 requirements of this section shall define the entity or entities
798 responsible for training and the responsibilities for
799 maintaining records relating to training, inspection, and
800 firearm qualification.

801 (c) School security guards serving in the capacity of a
802 safe-school officer pursuant to this subsection are in support
803 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, and
804 must aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant
805 incidents, as defined in s. 30.15(1)(k).

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Remove line 27 and insert:

applicable; defining the term "active assailant incident";

amending s. 843.08, F.S.; adding school

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