Bill No. HB 7093 (2019)

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	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate House
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1	Representative Eskamani offered the following:
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3	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	Remove lines 64-652 and insert:
5	Section 1. Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, is amended
6	to read:
7	1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
8	Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
9	is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
10	office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
11	training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
12	regarding school safety and security, including prevention
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13 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness 14 planning. The office shall: 15 (1)Administer the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) required by s. 1006.1493 Establish and update as 16 17 necessary a school security risk assessment tool for use by school districts pursuant to s. 1006.07(6). The office shall 18 19 make the security risk assessment tool available for use by 20 charter schools. Provide ongoing professional development opportunities 21 (2) 22 to school district personnel. 23 (3) Provide a coordinated and interdisciplinary approach 24 to providing technical assistance and guidance to school 25 districts on their implementation of the strategies and activities necessary safety and security and recommendations to 26 27 address the findings identified as a result of the FSSAT 28 conducted pursuant to s. 1006.07(6). The office may contract 29 with security personnel, consulting engineers, architects, or other safety and security experts that the office deems 30 31 necessary to provide such assistance and guidance. 32 Develop and implement a School Safety Specialist (4) 33 Training Program for school safety specialists appointed 34 pursuant to s. 1006.07(6). The office shall develop the training program which shall be based on national and state best 35 practices on school safety and security and must include active 36 shooter training. The office shall develop training modules in 37 515867 Approved For Filing: 4/1/2019 11:23:22 AM

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38 traditional or online formats. A school safety specialist 39 certificate of completion shall be awarded to a school safety 40 specialist who satisfactorily completes the training required by 41 rules of the office.

42 (5) Review and provide recommendations on the security 43 risk assessments. The department may contract with security 44 personnel, consulting engineers, architects, or other safety and 45 security experts the department deems necessary for safety and 46 security consultant services.

47 <u>(5)(6)</u> Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement 48 to provide a centralized integrated data repository and data 49 analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete, and 50 accurate information integrating data from, at a minimum, but 51 not limited to, the following data sources by <u>August 1, 2019</u> 52 <u>December 1, 2018</u>:

53 Social media monitoring tool; (a) 54 (b) Department of Children and Families; 55 (c) Department of Law Enforcement; 56 (d) Department of Juvenile Justice; 57 (e) Mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as 58 FortifyFL; 59 (f) School environment safety incident reports collected 60 under subsection (9); and (g) (e) Local law enforcement. 61 62 515867 Approved For Filing: 4/1/2019 11:23:22 AM

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63	Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from public
64	records requirements retains its exempt or confidential and
65	exempt status when incorporated into the centralized integrated
66	data repository. To maintain the confidentiality requirements
67	attached to the information provided to the centralized
68	integrated data repository by the various state and local
69	agencies, data governance and security shall ensure compliance
70	with all applicable state and federal data privacy requirements
71	through the use of user authorization and role-based security,
72	data anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities. To
73	maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the
74	information provided to the centralized integrated data
75	repository by the various state and local agencies, each source
76	agency providing data to the repository shall be the sole
77	custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for
78	inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department
79	shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in
80	accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies.
81	(6) Provide data to support the evaluation of mental
82	health services pursuant to s. 1004.44.
83	(7) Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from
84	public records requirements retains its exempt or confidential
85	and exempt status when incorporated into the centralized
86	integrated data repository.

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87 (8) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the information provided to the centralized integrated data 88 89 repository by the various state and local agencies, data governance and security shall ensure compliance with all 90 91 applicable state and federal data privacy requirements through 92 the use of user authorization and role-based security, data anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities. 93 (9) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached 94 to the information provided to the centralized integrated data 95 96 repository by the various state and local agencies, each source 97 agency providing data for the repository shall be the sole custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for 98 99 inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department 100 shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in 101 accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies. 102 (7) (10) Award grants to schools to improve the safety and 103 security of school buildings based upon recommendations of the 104 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool security risk assessment 105 developed pursuant to subsection (1). 106 (8) (11) Disseminate, in consultation with the Department 107 of Law Enforcement, to participating schools awareness and 108 education materials on the School Safety Awareness Program developed pursuant to s. 943.082. 109 110 (9) Collect data through school environment safety incident reports on incidents that occur on school premises, on 111

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112	school transportation, and at off-campus, school-sponsored
113	events, committed by students, nonstudents, or unknown
114	offenders.
115	(10) Define the types of public schools and campuses that
116	are subject to the requirements of ss. 1006.07 and 1006.12.
117	(11) Verify the accuracy of school safety and discipline
118	data reported by school districts and report any violation of
119	the reporting requirements to the Commissioner of Education for
120	review pursuant to s. 1012.796.
121	Section 2. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (16) of
122	section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
123	1002.33 Charter schools
124	(16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES
125	(b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance
126	with the following statutes:
127	1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and
128	records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.
129	2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.
130	3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size,
131	except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s.
132	1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.
133	4. Section 1006.07(4) and (6)-(9), relating to school
134	safety.
135	5.4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and
136	salary schedules.
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137	6.5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.
138	7.6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with
139	instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.
140	8.7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive
141	requirements for performance evaluations for instructional
142	personnel and school administrators.
143	(c) For purposes of subparagraphs (b)48. (b)47.:
144	1. The duties assigned to a district school superintendent
145	apply to charter school administrative personnel, as defined in
146	s. 1012.01(3)(a) and (b), and the charter school governing board
147	shall designate at least one administrative person to be
148	responsible for such duties.
149	2. The duties assigned to a district school board apply to
150	a charter school governing board.
151	3. A charter school may hire instructional personnel and
152	other employees on an at-will basis.
153	4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary,
154	instructional personnel and other employees on contract may be
155	suspended or dismissed any time during the term of the contract
156	without cause.
157	Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1003.25, Florida
158	Statutes, is amended to read:
159	1003.25 Procedures for maintenance and transfer of student
160	records

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161 The procedure for transferring and maintaining records (2)of students who transfer from school to school shall be 162 163 prescribed by rules of the State Board of Education. The intradistrict transfer of records shall occur within 1 school 164 165 day and the interdistrict transfer of records shall occur within 166 2 school days. The records shall include: 167 (a) Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior 168 patterns, including threat assessment evaluations and 169 intervention services. 170 (b) Psychological evaluations, including therapeutic treatment plans and therapy or progress notes created or 171 172 maintained by school district staff. 173 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (a) 174 of subsection (4), paragraph (a) of subsection (6), and 175 subsection (7) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are 176 amended, and subsection (9) is added to that section, to read: 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student 177 discipline and school safety.-The district school board shall 178 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the 179 180 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper 181 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the 182 welfare of students, including: (1) CONTROL OF STUDENTS.-183 Require each student at the time of initial 184 (b) registration for school in the school district to note previous 185 515867 Approved For Filing: 4/1/2019 11:23:22 AM

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186 school expulsions, arrests resulting in a charge, juvenile 187 justice actions, and any corresponding referral referrals to 188 mental health services by the school district the student has 189 had, and have the authority as the district school board of a 190 receiving school district to honor the final order of expulsion 191 or dismissal of a student by any in-state or out-of-state public 192 district school board or private school, or lab school, for an 193 act which would have been grounds for expulsion according to the receiving district school board's code of student conduct, in 194 accordance with the following procedures: 195

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

198 2. The expelled student applying for admission to the 199 receiving school district shall be advised of the final order of 200 expulsion.

201 3. The district school superintendent of the receiving 202 school district may recommend to the district school board that the final order of expulsion be waived and the student be 203 admitted to the school district, or that the final order of 204 205 expulsion be honored and the student not be admitted to the school district. If the student is admitted by the district 206 207 school board, with or without the recommendation of the district school superintendent, the student may be placed in an 208 appropriate educational program and referred to mental health 209 210 services identified by the school district pursuant to s.

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211 1012.584(4), when appropriate, at the direction of the district 212 school board.

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(4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.-

214 Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in (a) 215 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for 216 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not 217 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active shooter and hostage 218 situations, and bomb threats, for all students and faculty at all public schools of the district comprised of grades K-12. 219 Drills for active shooter and hostage situations shall be 220 221 conducted in accordance with requirements of the Office of Safe 222 Schools at least as often as other emergency drills. District 223 school board policies shall include commonly used alarm system 224 responses for specific types of emergencies and verification by 225 each school that drills have been provided as required by law 226 and fire protection codes. The emergency response policy shall 227 identify the individuals responsible for contacting the primary 228 emergency response agency and the emergency response agency that 229 is responsible for notifying the school district for each type 230 of emergency.

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

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236 Each district school superintendent shall designate a (a) 237 school administrator as a school safety specialist for the 238 district. The school safety specialist must earn a certificate 239 of completion of the school safety specialist training provided 240 by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and oversight for all 241 school safety and security personnel, policies, and procedures 242 in the school district. The school safety specialist shall: 243 Review school district policies and procedures for 244 1. 245 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's 246 timely and accurate submission of incidents to the department. 247 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to students and school district staff in matters relating to youth 248 249 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures, 250 including active shooter training; and school safety and 251 security. 252 3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public 253 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and 254 organizations in matters of school safety and security. 255 In collaboration with the appropriate public safety 4. agencies, as defined in s. 365.171, annually conduct a school 256 257 security risk assessment in accordance with s. 1006.1493 at each public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool 258 259 school security risk assessment tool developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s. 1006.1493. Based on the assessment 260 515867 Approved For Filing: 4/1/2019 11:23:22 AM

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261 findings, the district's school safety specialist shall provide 262 recommendations to the district school superintendent and the 263 district school board which identify strategies and activities 264 that the district school board should implement in order to 265 address the findings and improve school safety and security. 266 Annually, Each district school board must receive such findings 267 and the school safety specialist's recommendations at a publicly 268 noticed district school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to hear the district school board members discuss 269 270 and take action on the findings and recommendations. Each school 271 safety specialist shall report such findings and school board 272 action to the Office of Safe Schools within 30 days after the 273 district school board meeting.

THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.-Each district school board 274 (7) 275 shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment 276 teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of 277 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or 278 279 students consistent with s. 1006.13 and the model policies 280 developed by the Office of Safe Schools. Such policies shall 281 include procedures for conducting threat assessments using the 282 instrument developed by the Office of Safe Schools, providing authorized members of the threat assessment team with access to 283 284 school-level and district-level data and the data provided pursuant to s. 1001.212(6), and making referrals to mental 285

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286 health services identified by the school district pursuant to s. 287 1012.584(4), when appropriate.

288 (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and 289 290 law enforcement. The threat assessment teams shall identify 291 members of the school community to whom threatening behavior 292 should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty, 293 and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant 294 behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, 295 or self.

296 Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses (b) 297 a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or 298 others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its 299 determination to the superintendent or his or her designee. The 300 superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt 301 to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude school district personnel from 302 acting immediately to address an imminent threat. 303

304 (c) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat
305 assessment team that a student poses a threat of violence to
306 himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly
307 disruptive behavior or need for assistance, <u>authorized members</u>
308 <u>of</u> the threat assessment team may obtain criminal history record
309 information <u>pursuant to s. 985.04(1)</u>, as provided in s. 985.047.
310 A member of a threat assessment team may not disclose any

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311 criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this 312 section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the 313 purpose for which such disclosure was made to the threat 314 assessment team.

315 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state 316 and local agencies and programs that provide services to students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or 317 318 a mental illness, including the school districts, school personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the 319 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and 320 Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care 321 322 Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the 323 Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, 324 and any service or support provider contracting with such 325 agencies, may share with each other records or information that 326 are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 if 327 the records or information are reasonably necessary to ensure access to appropriate services for the student or to ensure the 328 safety of the student or others. All such state and local 329 330 agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and 331 coordinate efforts to serve such students.

(e) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse
crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow policies
established by the threat assessment team to engage behavioral
health crisis resources. Behavioral health crisis resources,

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336 including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school 337 resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide 338 emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and 339 refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school 340 personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to 341 the threat assessment team, which shall contact the other 342 agencies involved with the student and any known service 343 providers to share information and coordinate any necessary 344 followup actions. Upon the student's transfer to a different 345 school, the threat assessment team shall verify that any 346 intervention services provided to the student remain in place 347 until the threat assessment team of the receiving school 348 independently determines the need for intervention services.

(f) Each threat assessment team established pursuant to this subsection shall report quantitative data on its activities to the Office of Safe Schools in <u>a format prescribed by</u> accordance with guidance from the office.

353 (9) MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE.-Provide mental health 354 assistance to students in accordance with the plan submitted 355 pursuant to s. 1011.62(16). Students referred for mental health 356 assistance must be screened or assessed within 45 days after 357 such referral. School-based interventions must begin within 30 358 days after the screening or assessment and continue until the 359 student receives community-based care, when determined to be in 360 the best interests of the student.

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361 Section 5. Subsection (10) is added to section 1006.09, 362 Florida Statutes, to read: 363 1006.09 Duties of school principal relating to student 364 discipline and school safety.-365 (10) Each school principal shall designate school 366 personnel who may declare an emergency in response to an 367 incident that threatens school safety and the school personnel 368 who must contact the primary emergency response agency in 369 accordance with the emergency response policy of the school 370 district. 371 Section 6. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1006.12, 372 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) and (3), 373 respectively, and subsection (1) and present subsection (2) of 374 that section are amended, to read: 375 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.-For the 376 protection and safety of school personnel, property, students, and visitors, each district school board and school district 377 superintendent shall partner with law enforcement agencies to 378 379 establish or assign one or more safe-school officers at each 380 school facility within the district by implementing any 381 combination of the following options which best meets the needs of the school district: 382

383 (1) Establish school resource officer programs, through a384 cooperative agreement with law enforcement agencies.

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385 School resource officers shall undergo criminal (a) 386 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation 387 and be certified law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 388 943.10(1), who are employed by a law enforcement agency as 389 defined in s. 943.10(4) or by a district school board. 390 1. If the officer is employed by the district school 391 board, the district school board is the employing agency for 392 purposes of chapter 943 and must comply with the provisions of that chapter. The officer has and shall exercise the power to 393 394 make arrests for violations of law on district school board 395 property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such property, 396 who violate any law on such property under the same conditions 397 that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests The powers and duties of a law enforcement officer shall continue 398 399 throughout the employee's tenure as a school resource officer. 400 2.(b) School resource officers employed by a law 401 enforcement agency shall abide by district school board policies 402 and shall consult with and coordinate activities through the 403 school principal, but shall be responsible to the law 404 enforcement agency in all matters relating to employment, 405 subject to agreements between a district school board and a law 406 enforcement agency. Activities conducted by the school resource officer which are part of the regular instructional program of 407 408 the school shall be under the direction of the school principal. The powers and duties of a law enforcement officer shall 409 515867

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410 <u>continue throughout the employee's tenure as a school resource</u> 411 officer.

412 <u>3.(c)</u> School resource officers shall complete mental 413 health crisis intervention training using a curriculum developed 414 by a national organization with expertise in mental health 415 crisis intervention. The training shall improve officers' 416 knowledge and skills as first responders to incidents involving 417 students with emotional disturbance or mental illness, including 418 de-escalation skills to ensure student and officer safety.

419 (2) Commission one or more school safety officers for the 420 protection and safety of school personnel, property, and 421 students within the school district. The district school 422 superintendent may recommend, and the district school board may 423 appoint, one or more school safety officers.

424 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal 425 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation 426 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), 427 certified under the provisions of chapter 943 and employed by 428 either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board. 429 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the 430 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of 431 chapter 943, and must comply with the provisions of that 432 chapter.

433 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the 434 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school 515867

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board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such
property, who violate any law on such property under the same
conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.
A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when
performing his or her official duties.

(b) (c) A district school board or governing board of a
charter school may enter into mutual aid agreements with one or
more law enforcement agencies as provided in chapter 23. A
school resource safety officer's salary may be paid jointly by
the district school board or governing board of the charter
school and the law enforcement agency, as mutually agreed to.

446 Section 7. Section 1006.122, Florida Statutes, is created 447 to read:

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1006.122 School guardian moratorium; impact study.-

449 (1) Before July 1, 2024, a district school board may not
 450 employ individuals who exclusively perform classroom duties as
 451 classroom teachers as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a) to serve as
 452 school guardians under the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.

453 (2) In the interim, the Department of Education, or an
454 entity designated by the department, shall conduct a study to
455 examine the impact of the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program on
456 school safety and analyze the perception of safety by students,
457 teachers, and faculty.

458 (3) The department shall report the results of the study 459 to the Legislature by January 1, 2024. If, upon evaluating the 515867

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460	results of the study, the Legislature does not enact a general	<u>L</u>
461	law specifying a statewide policy regarding the Coach Aaron Fe	eis
462	Guardian Program, the moratorium prohibiting a district school	<u>L</u>
463	board from employing classroom teachers to serve as school	
464	guardians under this section is lifted, effective July 1, 2024	1.
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467	TITLE AMENDMENT	
468	Remove lines 2-39 and insert:	
469	An act relating to school safety; amending s.	
470	1001.212, F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of	
471	Safe Schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring	
472	charter schools to be in compliance with certain	
473	provisions relating to school safety; conforming a	
474	cross-reference; amending s. 1003.25, F.S.; providing	
475	requirements for the transfer of certain student	
476	records; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising school	
477	safety specialist duties; revising threat assessment	
478	team duties and procedures; requiring district school	
479	boards to provide certain mental health assistance to	
480	students; providing requirements for such assistance;	
481	amending s. 1006.09, F.S.; requiring school principals	
482	to designate school personnel for specified purposes	
483	relating to responses to emergencies; amending s.	
484	1006.12, F.S.; revising the requirements for school	
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resource officers in public schools; deleting
provisions related to school safety officers; creating
s. 1006.122, F.S.; prohibiting school districts from
employing specified individuals as school guardians
before a specified date; requiring the Department of
Education, or an entity designated by the department,
to conduct a study examining the Coach Aaron Feis
Guardian Program; providing study and department
requirements; amending s.

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