

By Senator Cruz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to persons authorized to visit charter
3 schools; creating s. 1002.341, F.S.; authorizing the
4 Governor, all Cabinet members, and all members of the
5 Legislature to visit any charter school in this state;
6 authorizing such a visitor to visit a charter school
7 on any day at any time; providing that no prior notice
8 is required for the visit; prohibiting any person from
9 limiting the scope or duration of the visit;
10 authorizing a charter school to require a visitor to
11 sign in and out at the charter school's main office
12 and to wear an identification badge at all times while
13 on the premises; authorizing a charter school to
14 offer, but not require, an escort to accompany the
15 visitor; providing an effective date.
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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19 Section 1. Section 1002.341, Florida Statutes, is created
20 to read:

21 1002.341 Persons authorized to visit charter schools.-

22 (1) In addition to the persons specified under s.
23 1001.4205, the Governor, all Cabinet members, and all members of
24 the Legislature are authorized to visit any charter school in
25 this state, including a lab school established under s. 1002.32
26 to which a charter has been issued under s. 1002.33(5)(a)2., a
27 charter school established under s. 1002.33, a charter school
28 designated as a high-performing charter school under s.
29 1002.331, and a charter technical career center established

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30 under s. 1002.34.

31 (2) A person visiting a charter school pursuant to
32 subsection (1) may visit on any day at any time. No prior notice
33 is required for the visit, and no person may limit the duration
34 or scope of the visit.

35 (3) A charter school may require a person visiting pursuant
36 to subsection (1) to sign in and out at the charter school's
37 main office and to wear an identification badge at all times
38 while on the charter school premises. A charter school may
39 offer, but not require, an escort to accompany a visitor.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.