

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school safety; amending s. 394.463,
3 F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families
4 to analyze specified data relating to the initiation
5 of involuntary examinations of certain students;
6 amending s. 943.082, F.S.; requiring the FortifyFL
7 reporting tool to notify reporting parties that
8 submitting false information may subject them to
9 criminal penalties; providing that certain reports
10 shall remain anonymous; amending s. 943.687, F.S.;
11 revising the membership of the Marjory Stoneman
12 Douglas High School Public Safety Commission; amending
13 s. 985.12, F.S.; requiring law enforcement officers to
14 have access to specified information by a certain date
15 for specified purposes; amending s. 1001.11, F.S.;
16 requiring the Commissioner of Education to oversee
17 compliance with requirements relating to school safety
18 and security; requiring the commissioner to take
19 specified actions under certain circumstances relating
20 to noncompliance; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.;
21 requiring the Office of Safe Schools to provide
22 certain opportunities to charter school personnel and
23 certain data to support the evaluation of mental
24 health services; requiring such office to develop a
25 model family reunification plan for certain purposes;

26 | amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that parents of
27 | public school students have the right to timely
28 | notification of certain threats, unlawful acts, and
29 | significant emergencies and access to certain incident
30 | reports; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring codes of
31 | student conduct to include provisions relating to
32 | civil citation or similar prearrest diversion programs
33 | for specified purposes; requiring codes of student
34 | conduct to include provisions relating to the
35 | assignment of students to school-based intervention
36 | programs; prohibiting participation in such programs
37 | from being entered into a specified system under
38 | certain circumstances; authorizing certain procedures
39 | to include accommodations for specified drills;
40 | requiring district school boards to establish certain
41 | emergency response and emergency preparedness policies
42 | and procedures and provide timely notification to
43 | parents following certain threats, unlawful acts, or
44 | significant emergencies; revising provisions relating
45 | to active shooter situation training for schools;
46 | requiring district school boards and charter school
47 | governing boards, in coordination with local law
48 | enforcement agencies and local governments, to adopt a
49 | family reunification plan for specified purposes;
50 | providing requirements for members of a threat

51 assessment team; requiring the Department of Education
52 to include certain data in a specified format;
53 amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; revising provisions
54 relating to the duties of school safety officers;
55 requiring the district school superintendent or
56 charter school administrator to provide certain
57 notifications relating to safe-school officers;
58 requiring safe-school officers to complete a specified
59 training; providing requirements for such training;
60 requiring individuals to meet certain criteria before
61 participating in specified training; providing
62 requirements for such training; requiring school
63 districts to provide charter schools with specified
64 safe-school officers under additional circumstances;
65 amending s. 1006.1493, F.S.; requiring the Florida
66 Safe Schools Assessment Tool to address policies and
67 procedures relating to certain emergencies; amending
68 s. 1008.32, F.S.; authorizing the state board to
69 direct a school district to suspend the salaries of
70 specified individuals under certain circumstances
71 relating to school safety; amending s. 1008.386, F.S.;
72 requiring that student identification cards issued to
73 certain students by public schools include specified
74 numbers; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the
75 mental health assistance allocation plans to include

76 certain policies and procedures relating to certain
 77 behavioral health services available to students;
 78 requiring the department to publish on its website, in
 79 consultation with the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental
 80 Health Institute, a report on the availability and
 81 effectiveness of mental health services by a specified
 82 date, annually; providing effective dates.

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84 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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86 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
 87 394.463, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

88 394.463 Involuntary examination.—

89 (2) INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION.—

90 (e) The department shall receive and maintain the copies
 91 of ex parte orders, involuntary outpatient services orders
 92 issued pursuant to s. 394.4655, involuntary inpatient placement
 93 orders issued pursuant to s. 394.467, professional certificates,
 94 and law enforcement officers' reports. These documents shall be
 95 considered part of the clinical record, governed by the
 96 provisions of s. 394.4615. These documents shall be used to
 97 prepare annual reports analyzing the data obtained from these
 98 documents, without information identifying patients, and shall
 99 provide copies of reports to the department, the President of
 100 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the

101 minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
102 The department shall also analyze data on the initiation of
103 involuntary examinations of kindergarten through grade 12
104 students including, for each public school, the number of
105 students transported from school grounds, school transportation,
106 or school-sponsored activities to a receiving facility and the
107 number and type of professionals, as identified in subparagraph
108 (2)(a)2. or subparagraph (2)(a)3., who initiate such involuntary
109 examinations, including whether the professional is school-based
110 or community-based.

111 Section 2. Effective October 1, 2021, paragraph (c) is
112 added to subsection (2) of section 943.082, Florida Statutes, to
113 read:

114 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

115 (2) The reporting tool must notify the reporting party of
116 the following information:

117 (c) That, if following an investigation, it is determined
118 that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL,
119 the IP address of the device on which the tip was submitted will
120 be provided to law enforcement agencies for further
121 investigation and the reporting party may be subject to criminal
122 penalties under s. 837.05. In all other circumstances, unless
123 the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity,
124 the report must remain anonymous.

125 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section

126 943.687, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

127 943.687 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety
128 Commission.—

129 (2) (a) The commission shall convene no later than June 1,
130 2018, and shall be composed of 19 ~~16~~ members. ~~Six~~ Five members
131 shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, six ~~five~~
132 members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
133 Representatives, and six ~~five~~ members shall be appointed by the
134 Governor. From the members of the commission, the Governor shall
135 appoint the chair. Appointments must be made by April 30, 2018.
136 The Commissioner of the Department of Law Enforcement shall
137 serve as a member of the commission. The Secretary of Children
138 and Families, the Secretary of Juvenile Justice, the Secretary
139 of Health Care Administration, and the Commissioner of Education
140 shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission.
141 Members shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed
142 the member. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the
143 same manner as the original appointment and, to the maximum
144 extent possible, achieve equal representation of school
145 district, law enforcement, and behavioral health care
146 professionals and parents.

147 Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
148 985.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

149 985.12 Civil citation or similar prearrest diversion
150 programs.—

151 (2) JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CIVIL CITATION OR SIMILAR PREARREST
152 DIVERSION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND OPERATION.—

153 (f) Each civil citation or similar prearrest diversion
154 program shall enter the appropriate youth data into the Juvenile
155 Justice Information System Prevention Web within 7 days after
156 the admission of the youth into the program. Beginning in fiscal
157 year 2022-2023, law enforcement officers must have field access
158 to civil citation and prearrest diversion information.

159 Section 5. Subsection (9) of section 1001.11, Florida
160 Statutes, is amended to read:

161 1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.—

162 (9) The commissioner shall oversee compliance with the
163 requirements relating to school safety and security ~~requirements~~
164 ~~of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act,~~
165 ~~chapter 2018-3, Laws of Florida,~~ by school districts; district
166 school superintendents; and public schools, including charter
167 schools. Upon notification by the Office of Safe Schools that a
168 district school board has failed to comply with the requirements
169 relating to school safety and security, the commissioner shall
170 require the district school board to withhold further payment of
171 the salary of the superintendent as authorized under s.
172 1001.42(13)(b). Upon notification by the Office of Safe Schools
173 that a charter school has failed to comply with the requirements
174 relating to school safety and security, the commissioner must
175 facilitate compliance by charter schools by recommending actions

176 | to the district school board pursuant to s. 1002.33. The
177 | commissioner must facilitate compliance to the maximum extent
178 | provided under law, identify incidents of noncompliance, and
179 | impose or recommend to the State Board of Education, the
180 | Governor, or the Legislature enforcement and sanctioning actions
181 | pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other authority granted under law.

182 | Section 6. Subsections (14) and (15) of section 1001.212,
183 | Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (15) and (16),
184 | respectively, subsections (2), (7), and (8) are amended, and a
185 | new subsection (14) is added to that section, to read:

186 | 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
187 | Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
188 | is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
189 | office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
190 | training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
191 | regarding school safety and security, including prevention
192 | efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
193 | planning. The office shall:

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

196 | (7) Provide data to support the evaluation of mental
197 | health services pursuant to s. 1004.44, including data that is
198 | collected pursuant to s. 1011.62(16)(d).

199 | (8) Provide technical assistance to school districts and
200 | charter school governing boards for school environmental safety

201 incident reporting as required under s. 1006.07(9). The office
202 shall collect data through school environmental safety incident
203 reports on incidents involving any person which occur on school
204 premises, on school transportation, and at off-campus, school-
205 sponsored events. The office shall review and evaluate school
206 district reports to ensure compliance with reporting
207 requirements. ~~Upon notification by the department that a~~
208 ~~superintendent has failed to comply with the requirements of s.~~
209 ~~1006.07(9), the district school board shall withhold further~~
210 ~~payment of his or her salary as authorized under s.~~
211 ~~1001.42(13)(b) and impose other appropriate sanctions that the~~
212 ~~commissioner or state board by law may impose.~~

213 (14) Develop, in coordination with the Division of
214 Emergency Management, other federal, state, and local law
215 enforcement agencies, fire and rescue agencies, first responder
216 agencies, and local governments, a model family reunification
217 plan for use by child care facilities, public K-12 schools, and
218 public postsecondary institutions that are closed or
219 unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or manmade emergency.

220 Section 7. Subsection (25) is added to section 1002.20,
221 Florida Statutes, to read:

222 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
223 school students must receive accurate and timely information
224 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
225 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12

226 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
227 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

228 (25) SAFE SCHOOLS.—

229 (a) School safety and emergency incidents.—Parents of
230 public school students have a right to timely notification of
231 threats, unlawful acts, and significant emergencies pursuant to
232 s. 1006.07(4) and (7).

233 (b) School environmental safety incident reporting.—
234 Parents of public school students have a right to access school
235 safety and discipline incidents as reported pursuant to s.
236 1006.07(9).

237 Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4),
238 paragraph (a) of subsection (6), paragraph (a) of subsection
239 (7), and subsection (9) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes,
240 are amended, paragraphs (n) and (o) are added to subsection (2)
241 and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (6) of that section, to
242 read:

243 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
244 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
245 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
246 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
247 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
248 welfare of students, including:

249 (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student
250 conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for

251 middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to
252 all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the
253 beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and
254 written in language that is understandable to students and
255 parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school
256 year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and
257 parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each
258 code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and
259 discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be
260 made available in the student handbook or similar publication.
261 Each code shall include, but is not limited to:

262 (n) Criteria for recommending to law enforcement that a
263 student who commits a criminal offense be allowed to participate
264 in a civil citation or similar prearrest diversion program as an
265 alternative to expulsion or arrest. All civil citation or
266 similar prearrest diversion programs must comply with s. 985.12.

267 (o) Criteria for assigning a student who commits a petty
268 act of misconduct, as defined by the district school board
269 pursuant to s. 1006.13(2)(c), to a school-based intervention
270 program. If a student's assignment is based on a noncriminal
271 offense, the student's participation in a school-based
272 intervention program may not be entered into the Juvenile
273 Justice Information System Prevention Web.

274 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

275 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in

276 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for
277 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not
278 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active assailant shooter~~shooter~~
279 and hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and
280 faculty at all public schools of the district comprised of
281 grades K-12. Drills for active assailant shooter~~shooter~~ and hostage
282 situations shall be conducted in accordance with developmentally
283 appropriate and age-appropriate procedures at least as often as
284 other emergency drills. District school board policies shall
285 include commonly used alarm system responses for specific types
286 of emergencies and verification by each school that drills have
287 been provided as required by law and fire protection codes and
288 may provide accommodations for drills conducted by exceptional
289 student education centers. District school boards shall
290 establish ~~The~~ emergency response and emergency preparedness
291 policies and procedures that include, but are not limited to,
292 identifying ~~policy shall identify~~ the individuals responsible
293 for contacting the primary emergency response agency and the
294 emergency response agency that is responsible for notifying the
295 school district for each type of emergency.

296 (b) Provide ~~Establish model emergency management and~~
297 ~~emergency preparedness procedures, including emergency timely~~
298 notification to parents of threats pursuant to policies adopted
299 under subsection (7) and procedures pursuant to paragraph (a),
300 ~~for~~ the following unlawful acts or significant emergencies that

301 occur on school grounds, school transportation, or school-
 302 sponsored activities ~~life-threatening emergencies:~~

303 1. Weapons possession or use ~~Weapon-use~~, hostage, and
 304 active assailant shooter situations. The active assailant
 305 ~~shooter~~ situation training for each school must engage the
 306 participation of the district school safety specialist, threat
 307 assessment team members, faculty, staff, and students and must
 308 be conducted by the law enforcement agency or agencies that are
 309 designated as first responders to the school's campus.

310 2. Murder, homicide, or manslaughter.

311 3. Sex offenses, including rape, sexual assault, or sexual
 312 misconduct with a student by school personnel.

313 4. Aggravated assault or aggravated battery as described
 314 in s. 784.021 or s. 784.045, respectively.

315 ~~2. Hazardous materials or toxic chemical spills.~~

316 ~~5.3.~~ Natural ~~Weather~~ emergencies, including hurricanes,
 317 tornadoes, and severe storms.

318 ~~6.4.~~ Exposure as a result of a manmade emergency.

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

324 (a) Each district school superintendent shall designate a
 325 school safety specialist for the district. The school safety

326 specialist must be a school administrator employed by the school
 327 district or a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's
 328 office located in the school district. Any school safety
 329 specialist designated from the sheriff's office must first be
 330 authorized and approved by the sheriff employing the law
 331 enforcement officer. Any school safety specialist designated
 332 from the sheriff's office remains the employee of the office for
 333 purposes of compensation, insurance, workers' compensation, and
 334 other benefits authorized by law for a law enforcement officer
 335 employed by the sheriff's office. The sheriff and the school
 336 superintendent may determine by agreement the reimbursement for
 337 such costs, or may share the costs, associated with employment
 338 of the law enforcement officer as a school safety specialist.
 339 The school safety specialist must earn a certificate of
 340 completion of the school safety specialist training provided by
 341 the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year after appointment and
 342 is responsible for the supervision and oversight for all school
 343 safety and security personnel, policies, and procedures in the
 344 school district. The school safety specialist shall:

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

349 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to
 350 students and school district staff in matters relating to youth

351 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures,
352 including active assailant ~~shooter~~ training; and school safety
353 and security.

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

357 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety
358 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of
359 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each
360 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
361 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
362 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's
363 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the
364 district school superintendent and the district school board
365 which identify strategies and activities that the district
366 school board should implement in order to address the findings
367 and improve school safety and security. Each district school
368 board must receive such findings and the school safety
369 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district
370 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to
371 hear the district school board members discuss and take action
372 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety
373 specialist shall report such findings and school board action to
374 the Office of Safe Schools within 30 days after the district
375 school board meeting.

376 (d) Each district school board and charter school
377 governing board must adopt, in coordination with local law
378 enforcement agencies and local governments, a family
379 reunification plan to reunite students and employees with their
380 families in the event that a school is closed or unexpectedly
381 evacuated due to a natural or manmade emergency.

382 (7) THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board
383 shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment
384 teams at each school. Consistent with the model policies and
385 best practices developed by the Office of Safe Schools, threat
386 assessment team ~~whose~~ duties include the coordination of
387 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose
388 behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or
389 students and notification to parents that the threat has been
390 resolved and actions have been taken, if permitted by law
391 ~~consistent with the model policies developed by the Office of~~
392 ~~Safe Schools.~~ Such policies must include procedures for
393 referrals to mental health services identified by the school
394 district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when appropriate, and
395 procedures for behavioral threat assessments in compliance with
396 the instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12).

397 (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with
398 expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and
399 law enforcement. Threat assessment team members should reflect
400 the demographic makeup of the students at the school. Members of

401 the threat assessment team must be involved in the threat
402 assessment process and final decision. The threat assessment
403 teams shall identify members of the school community to whom
404 threatening behavior should be reported and provide guidance to
405 students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of
406 threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to
407 the community, school, or self. ~~Upon the availability of the~~
408 ~~behavioral threat assessment instrument developed pursuant to s.~~
409 ~~1001.212(12),~~ The threat assessment team shall use the
410 behavioral threat assessment ~~that~~ instrument developed pursuant
411 to s. 1001.212(12).

412 (9) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING.—Each
413 district school board shall adopt policies to ensure the
414 accurate and timely reporting of incidents related to school
415 safety and discipline. The district school superintendent is
416 responsible for school environmental safety incident reporting.
417 A district school superintendent who fails to comply with this
418 subsection is subject to the penalties specified in law,
419 including, but not limited to, s. 1001.42(13)(b) or s.
420 1001.51(12)(b), as applicable. The State Board of Education
421 shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school
422 environmental safety incident report. Annually, the department
423 shall include the most recently available school environmental
424 safety incident data along with other school accountability and
425 performance data in a uniform, statewide format that is easy to

426 | read and understand.

427 | Section 9. Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended
428 | to read:

429 | 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
430 | the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
431 | students, and visitors, each district school board and school
432 | district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
433 | agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
434 | safe-school officers at each school facility within the
435 | district, including charter schools. A district school board
436 | must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
437 | facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
438 | options available under this section. The school district may
439 | implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)–(4)
440 | to best meet the needs of the school district and charter
441 | schools.

442 | (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may
443 | establish school resource officer programs through a cooperative
444 | agreement with law enforcement agencies.

445 | (a) School resource officers shall undergo criminal
446 | background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation
447 | and be certified law enforcement officers, as defined in s.
448 | 943.10(1), who are employed by a law enforcement agency as
449 | defined in s. 943.10(4). The powers and duties of a law
450 | enforcement officer shall continue throughout the employee's

451 tenure as a school resource officer.

452 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district
453 school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate
454 activities through the school principal, but shall be
455 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters
456 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district
457 school board and a law enforcement agency. Activities conducted
458 by the school resource officer which are part of the regular
459 instructional program of the school shall be under the direction
460 of the school principal.

461 ~~(c) Complete mental health crisis intervention training~~
462 ~~using a curriculum developed by a national organization with~~
463 ~~expertise in mental health crisis intervention. The training~~
464 ~~shall improve officers' knowledge and skills as first responders~~
465 ~~to incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or~~
466 ~~mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student~~
467 ~~and officer safety.~~

468 (2) SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER.—A school district may
469 commission one or more school safety officers for the protection
470 and safety of school personnel, property, and students within
471 the school district. The district school superintendent may
472 recommend, and the district school board may appoint, one or
473 more school safety officers.

474 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal
475 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation

476 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1),
477 certified under ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 943 and employed by
478 either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board.
479 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the
480 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of
481 chapter 943, and must comply with ~~the provisions of~~ that
482 chapter.

483 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
484 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
485 board property or on property owned or leased by a charter
486 school under the charter contract, as applicable, and to arrest
487 persons, whether on or off such property, who violate any law on
488 such property under the same conditions that deputy sheriffs are
489 authorized to make arrests. A school safety officer has the
490 authority to carry weapons when performing his or her official
491 duties.

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

497 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—At the school district's or the
498 charter school governing board's discretion, as applicable,
499 pursuant to s. 30.15, a school district or charter school
500 governing board may participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian

501 Program to meet the requirement of establishing a safe-school
502 officer. The following individuals may serve as a school
503 guardian, in support of school-sanctioned activities for
504 purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory completion of the
505 requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and certification by a
506 sheriff:

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

511 (b) An employee of a school district or a charter school
512 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school
513 guardian.

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

520 (a) An individual who serves as a school security guard,
521 for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section,
522 must:

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

525 2. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a

526 | psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
527 | Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
528 | evaluation to the sheriff's office, school district, or charter
529 | school governing board, as applicable. The Department of Law
530 | Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office,
531 | school district, or charter school governing board with mental
532 | health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
533 | paragraph.

534 | 3. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
535 | random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
536 | 112.0455 and the sheriff's office, school district, or charter
537 | school governing board, as applicable.

538 | 4. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
539 | inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
540 | basis and provide documentation to the sheriff's office, school
541 | district, or charter school governing board, as applicable.

542 | (b) The contract between a security agency and a school
543 | district or a charter school governing board regarding
544 | requirements applicable to school security guards serving in the
545 | capacity of a safe-school officer for purposes of satisfying the
546 | requirements of this section shall define the entity or entities
547 | responsible for training and the responsibilities for
548 | maintaining records relating to training, inspection, and
549 | firearm qualification.

550 | (c) School security guards serving in the capacity of a

551 safe-school officer pursuant to this subsection are in support
552 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, and
553 must aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant
554 incidents on school premises.

555 (5) NOTIFICATION.—The district school superintendent or
556 charter school administrator ~~school district~~ shall notify the
557 county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools immediately after,
558 but no later than 72 hours after:

559 (a) A safe-school officer is dismissed for misconduct or
560 is otherwise disciplined.

561 (b) A safe-school officer discharges his or her firearm in
562 the exercise of the safe-school officer's duties, other than for
563 training purposes.

564 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—Each safe-school officer
565 must complete mental health crisis intervention training using a
566 curriculum developed by a national organization with expertise
567 in mental health crisis intervention. The training shall improve
568 the officer's knowledge and skills as a first responder to
569 incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or
570 mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student
571 and officer safety.

572 (7) LIMITATIONS.—An individual must satisfy the background
573 screening, psychological evaluation, and drug test requirements
574 and be approved by the sheriff before participating in any
575 training required by s. 30.15(1)(k), which may only be conducted

576 by a sheriff. A sheriff may designate other licensed
577 professionals who may conduct psychological evaluations in
578 addition to the professionals identified in s. 30.15(1)(k).

579 ~~(8)(6)~~ EXEMPTION.—Any information that would identify
580 whether a particular individual has been appointed as a safe-
581 school officer pursuant to this section held by a law
582 enforcement agency, school district, or charter school is exempt
583 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
584 Constitution. This subsection is subject to the Open Government
585 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
586 repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from
587 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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589 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
590 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
591 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section or if the
592 charter school notifies the school district that it is unable to
593 obtain a school resource officer or school safety officer on the
594 same terms and conditions as the school district or that its
595 employees are unable to complete guardian training in time to
596 meet the requirements of law, the school district must assign a
597 school resource officer or school safety officer to the charter
598 school. Under such circumstances, the charter school's share of
599 the costs of the school resource officer or school safety
600 officer may not exceed the safe school allocation funds provided

601 to the charter school pursuant to s. 1011.62(15) and shall be
 602 retained by the school district.

603 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 604 1006.1493, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

605 1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.—

606 (2) The FSSAT must help school officials identify threats,
 607 vulnerabilities, and appropriate safety controls for the schools
 608 that they supervise, pursuant to the security risk assessment
 609 requirements of s. 1006.07(6).

610 (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the
 611 following components:

- 612 1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;
- 613 2. Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and
 614 procedures;
- 615 3. Physical security measures;
- 616 4. Professional development training needs;
- 617 5. An examination of support service roles in school
 618 safety, security, and emergency planning;
- 619 6. School security and school police staffing, operational
 620 practices, and related services;
- 621 7. School and community collaboration on school safety;
 622 and
- 623 8. Policies and procedures to prepare for and respond to
 624 natural and manmade emergencies, including family reunification
 625 plans to reunite students and employees with their families

626 after a school is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to such
 627 emergencies; and

628 ~~9.8.~~ A return on investment analysis of the recommended
 629 physical security controls.

630 Section 11. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of
 631 section 1008.32, Florida Statutes, to read:

632 1008.32 State Board of Education oversight enforcement
 633 authority.—The State Board of Education shall oversee the
 634 performance of district school boards and Florida College System
 635 institution boards of trustees in enforcement of all laws and
 636 rules. District school boards and Florida College System
 637 institution boards of trustees shall be primarily responsible
 638 for compliance with law and state board rule.

639 (4) If the State Board of Education determines that a
 640 district school board or Florida College System institution
 641 board of trustees is unwilling or unable to comply with law or
 642 state board rule within the specified time, the state board
 643 shall have the authority to initiate any of the following
 644 actions:

645 (e) Direct the school district to suspend the salary of
 646 the district school superintendent and, if the superintendent is
 647 appointed, the salaries of the district school board members
 648 until such time as the noncompliance is remedied where the
 649 noncompliance is related to school safety.

650 Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 1008.386, Florida

651 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new subsection
 652 (3) is added to that section to read:

653 1008.386 Florida student identification ~~numbers~~.—

654 (3) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, any student
 655 identification card issued by a public school to students in
 656 grades 6 through 12 must include the numbers for national or
 657 statewide crisis and suicide hotlines and textlines.

658 Section 13. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (16) of
 659 section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

660 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
 661 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
 662 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
 663 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
 664 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
 665 follows:

666 (16) MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION.—The mental
 667 health assistance allocation is created to provide funding to
 668 assist school districts in establishing or expanding school-
 669 based mental health care; train educators and other school staff
 670 in detecting and responding to mental health issues; and connect
 671 children, youth, and families who may experience behavioral
 672 health issues with appropriate services. These funds shall be
 673 allocated annually in the General Appropriations Act or other
 674 law to each eligible school district. Each school district shall
 675 receive a minimum of \$100,000, with the remaining balance

676 allocated based on each school district's proportionate share of
677 the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student
678 enrollment. Charter schools that submit a plan separate from the
679 school district are entitled to a proportionate share of
680 district funding. The allocated funds may not supplant funds
681 that are provided for this purpose from other operating funds
682 and may not be used to increase salaries or provide bonuses.
683 School districts are encouraged to maximize third-party health
684 insurance benefits and Medicaid claiming for services, where
685 appropriate.

686 (b) The plans required under paragraph (a) must be focused
687 on a multitiered system of supports to deliver evidence-based
688 mental health care assessment, diagnosis, intervention,
689 treatment, and recovery services to students with one or more
690 mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses and to
691 students at high risk of such diagnoses. The provision of these
692 services must be coordinated with a student's primary mental
693 health care provider and with other mental health providers
694 involved in the student's care. At a minimum, the plans must
695 include the following elements:

696 1. Direct employment of school-based mental health
697 services providers to expand and enhance school-based student
698 services and to reduce the ratio of students to staff in order
699 to better align with nationally recommended ratio models. These
700 providers include, but are not limited to, certified school

701 counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, and
702 other licensed mental health professionals. The plan also must
703 identify strategies to increase the amount of time that school-
704 based student services personnel spend providing direct services
705 to students, which may include the review and revision of
706 district staffing resource allocations based on school or
707 student mental health assistance needs.

708 2. Contracts or interagency agreements with one or more
709 local community behavioral health providers, managing entities
710 established in s. 394.9082, or providers of Community Action
711 Team services to provide ~~a behavioral health staff presence and~~
712 or behavioral health services for ~~at~~ district schools. Services
713 may include, but are not limited to, mental health screenings
714 and assessments, individual counseling, family counseling, group
715 counseling, psychiatric or psychological services, trauma-
716 informed care, mobile crisis services, and behavior
717 modification. These behavioral health services may be provided
718 on or off the school campus and may be supplemented by
719 telehealth.

720 3. Policies and procedures, including contracts with
721 service providers, which will ensure that:

722 a. Students who are referred to a school-based or
723 community-based mental health service provider for mental health
724 screening for the identification of mental health concerns and
725 ensure that the assessment of students at risk for mental health

726 disorders occurs within 15 days of referral. School-based mental
727 health services must be initiated within 15 days after
728 identification and assessment, and support by community-based
729 mental health service providers for students who are referred
730 for community-based mental health services must be initiated
731 within 30 days after the school or district makes a referral.

732 b. Safe-school officers are using mental health crisis
733 intervention training and de-escalation skills as provided in
734 training required under s. 1006.12.

735 c. Parents of a student receiving services under this
736 subsection are provided information about other behavioral
737 health services available through the student's school or local
738 community-based behavioral health services providers. A school
739 may meet this requirement by providing information about and
740 Internet addresses for web-based directories or guides for local
741 behavioral health services.

742 d. Individuals living in a household with a student
743 receiving services under this subsection are provided
744 information about behavioral health services available through
745 other delivery systems or payors for which the individuals may
746 qualify, if such services appear to be needed or enhancements in
747 those individuals' behavioral health would contribute to the
748 improved well-being of the student.

749 4. Strategies or programs to reduce the likelihood of at-
750 risk students developing social, emotional, or behavioral health

751 problems, depression, anxiety disorders, suicidal tendencies, or
752 substance use disorders.

753 5. Strategies to improve the early identification of
754 social, emotional, or behavioral problems or substance use
755 disorders, to improve the provision of early intervention
756 services, and to assist students in dealing with trauma and
757 violence.

758 (d) Beginning September 30, 2019, and annually by
759 September 30 thereafter, each school district shall submit to
760 the Department of Education a report on its program outcomes and
761 expenditures for the previous fiscal year. The department shall
762 publish on its website, in consultation with the Louis de la
763 Parte Florida Mental Health Institute established under s.
764 1004.44, a report on the availability and effectiveness of
765 mental health services provided pursuant to this subsection by
766 December 1 of each year. The report must include ~~that~~, at a
767 minimum, ~~must include~~ the number of each of the following:

- 768 1. Students who receive screenings or assessments.
- 769 2. Students who are referred to either school-based or
770 community-based providers for services or assistance.
- 771 3. Students who receive either school-based or community-
772 based interventions, services, or assistance, including
773 assessments by a mobile response team.
- 774 4. School-based and community-based mental health
775 providers, including licensure type, paid for from funds

776 provided through the allocation.

777 5. Contract-based collaborative efforts or partnerships
778 with community mental health programs, agencies, or providers.

779 6. Involuntary examinations initiated on school grounds,
780 school transportation, or school-sponsored activities, by grade
781 level, including whether a student's parent was notified as
782 required pursuant to ss. 1002.20(3) and 1002.33(9).

783 Section 14. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the
784 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.