

26 | format; requiring district school boards to adopt
 27 | certain policies relating to suicide screening
 28 | instruments; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; making
 29 | technical changes; authorizing school safety officers
 30 | to make arrests on property owned or leased by a
 31 | charter school under a charter contract; requiring
 32 | district school superintendents or charter school
 33 | administrators, instead of school districts, to notify
 34 | county sheriffs and the Office of Safe Schools of
 35 | certain safe-school officer-related incidents;
 36 | specifying training requirements for safe-school
 37 | officers; amending s. 1006.1493, F.S.; requiring the
 38 | Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool to address
 39 | policies and procedures to prepare for and respond to
 40 | natural and manmade disasters; providing effective
 41 | dates.

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 43 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 45 | Section 1. Effective October 1, 2022, paragraph (c) is
 46 | added to subsection (2) of section 943.082, Florida Statutes, to
 47 | read:

48 | 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

49 | (2) The reporting tool must notify the reporting party of
 50 | the following information:

51 (c) That if, following an investigation, it is determined
52 that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL,
53 the Internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the
54 tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies
55 for further investigation, and the reporting party may be
56 subject to criminal penalties under s. 837.05. In all other
57 circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose
58 his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.

59 Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 1001.11, Florida
60 Statutes, is amended to read:

61 1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.—

62 (9) The commissioner shall oversee and enforce compliance
63 with the requirements relating to school safety and security
64 ~~requirements of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public~~
65 ~~Safety Act, chapter 2018-3, Laws of Florida,~~ by school
66 districts; district school superintendents; and public schools,
67 including charter schools. Upon notification by the Office of
68 Safe Schools of a school district's substantiated noncompliance
69 with school safety and security requirements, the commissioner
70 must require the district school board to withhold further
71 payment of the salary of the superintendent, as authorized under
72 s. 1001.42(13)(b). Upon notification by the Office of Safe
73 Schools that a charter school has failed to comply with the
74 requirements relating to school safety and security, the
75 commissioner must facilitate compliance by charter schools by

76 | recommending actions to the district school board pursuant to s.
 77 | 1002.33. The commissioner shall notify the State Board of
 78 | Education of any noncompliance at its next regular meeting. The
 79 | commissioner must facilitate compliance to the maximum extent
 80 | provided under law, identify incidents of noncompliance, and
 81 | impose or recommend to the State Board of Education, the
 82 | Governor, or the Legislature enforcement and sanctioning actions
 83 | pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other authority granted under law.

84 | Section 3. Present subsections (14) and (15) of section
 85 | 1001.212, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (15)
 86 | and (16), respectively, a new subsection (14) is added to that
 87 | section, and subsections (2) and (6) of that section are
 88 | amended, to read:

89 | 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
 90 | Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
 91 | is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
 92 | office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
 93 | training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
 94 | regarding school safety and security, including prevention
 95 | efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
 96 | planning. The office shall:

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

99 | (6) Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement to
 100 | provide a unified search tool, known as the Florida School

101 Safety Portal, ~~centralized integrated data repository and data~~
 102 ~~analytics resources~~ to improve access to timely, complete, and
 103 accurate information ~~integrating data~~ from, at a minimum, ~~but~~
 104 ~~not limited to~~, the following data sources ~~by August 1, 2019~~:

- 105 (a) Social media Internet posts;
- 106 (b) The Department of Children and Families;
- 107 (c) The Department of Law Enforcement;
- 108 (d) The Department of Juvenile Justice;
- 109 (e) The mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as
 110 FortifyFL;
- 111 (f) School environmental safety incident reports collected
 112 under subsection (8); and
- 113 (g) Local law enforcement.

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 115 Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from public
 116 records requirements retains its exempt or confidential and
 117 exempt status when incorporated into the centralized integrated
 118 data repository. To maintain the confidentiality requirements
 119 attached to the information provided to the centralized
 120 integrated data repository by the various state and local
 121 agencies, data governance and security shall ensure compliance
 122 with all applicable state and federal data privacy requirements
 123 through the use of user authorization and role-based security,
 124 data anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities. To
 125 maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the

126 information provided to the centralized integrated data
127 repository by the various state and local agencies, each source
128 agency providing data to the repository shall be the sole
129 custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for
130 inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department
131 shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in
132 accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies
133 and the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
134 Criminal Justice Information Services security policy, where
135 applicable.

136 (14) Develop, in coordination with the Division of
137 Emergency Management; other federal, state, and local law
138 enforcement agencies; fire and rescue agencies; and first
139 responder agencies, a model family reunification plan for use by
140 child care facilities, public K-12 schools, and public
141 postsecondary educational institutions that are closed or
142 unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or manmade disaster.
143 This model plan shall consider the integration of student
144 information and notification systems to facilitate reunification
145 after a natural or manmade disaster. This model plan shall be
146 reviewed annually and updated, as applicable.

147 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4), paragraph (a)
148 of subsection (7), and subsection (9) of section 1006.07,
149 Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (d) is added to
150 subsection (6), and subsection (11) is added to that section, to

151 read:

152 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
 153 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
 154 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
 155 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
 156 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
 157 welfare of students, including:

158 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

159 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in
 160 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for
 161 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not
 162 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active assailant and
 163 hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and
 164 faculty at all public schools of the district composed ~~comprised~~
 165 of grades K-12, pursuant to State Board of Education rules.
 166 Drills for active assailant and hostage situations must ~~shall~~ be
 167 conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and
 168 age-appropriate procedures, as specified in State Board of
 169 Education rules ~~at least as often as other emergency drills~~. Law
 170 enforcement officers responsible for responding to the school in
 171 the event of an active assailant emergency, as determined
 172 necessary by the sheriff in coordination with the district's
 173 school safety specialist, must be physically present on campus
 174 and directly involved in the execution of active assailant
 175 emergency drills. District school board policies must ~~shall~~

176 include commonly used alarm system responses for specific types
177 of emergencies and verification by each school that drills have
178 been provided as required by law, State Board of Education
179 rules, and fire protection codes and may provide accommodations
180 for drills conducted by exceptional student education centers.
181 District school boards shall establish emergency response and
182 emergency preparedness policies and procedures that include, but
183 are not limited to, identifying the individuals responsible for
184 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the
185 emergency response agency ~~that is~~ responsible for notifying the
186 school district for each type of emergency. The State Board of
187 Education shall refer to recommendations provided in reports
188 published pursuant to s. 943.687 for guidance and, by August 1,
189 2023, consult with state and local constituencies to adopt rules
190 applicable to the requirements of this subsection which, at a
191 minimum, define the terms "emergency drill," "active threat,"
192 and "after-action report" and establish minimum emergency drill
193 policies and procedures related to the timing, frequency,
194 participation, training, notification, accommodations, and
195 responses to threat situations by incident type, school level,
196 school type, and student and school characteristics. The rules
197 must require all types of emergency drills to be conducted no
198 less frequently than on an annual school year basis.

199 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district
200 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures

201 for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the
 202 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior
 203 poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

204 (d) Each district school board and charter school
 205 governing board shall adopt, in coordination with local law
 206 enforcement agencies and local governments, a family
 207 reunification plan to reunite students and employees with their
 208 families in the event that a school is closed or unexpectedly
 209 evacuated due to a natural or manmade disaster. This
 210 reunification plan must be reviewed annually and updated, as
 211 applicable.

212 (7) THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board
 213 shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment
 214 teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of
 215 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose
 216 behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or
 217 students consistent with the model policies developed by the
 218 Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must include procedures
 219 for referrals to mental health services identified by the school
 220 district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when appropriate, and
 221 procedures for behavioral threat assessments in compliance with
 222 the instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12).

223 (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with
 224 expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and
 225 law enforcement. All members of the threat assessment team must

226 be involved in the threat assessment process and final
227 decisionmaking. The threat assessment teams shall identify
228 members of the school community to whom threatening behavior
229 should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty,
230 and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant
231 behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school,
232 or self. Upon the availability of the behavioral threat
233 assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12), the
234 threat assessment team shall use that instrument.

235 (9) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING.—Each
236 district school board shall adopt policies to ensure the
237 accurate and timely reporting of incidents related to school
238 safety and discipline. The district school superintendent is
239 responsible for school environmental safety incident reporting.
240 A district school superintendent who fails to comply with this
241 subsection is subject to the penalties specified in law,
242 including, but not limited to, s. 1001.42(13) (b) or s.
243 1001.51(12) (b), as applicable. The State Board of Education
244 shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school
245 environmental safety incident report. Annually, the department
246 shall publish on its website the most recently available school
247 environmental safety incident data along with other school
248 accountability and performance data in a uniform, statewide
249 format that is easy to read and understand.

250 (11) SUICIDE SCREENING INSTRUMENT.—Each district school

251 board shall adopt policies to ensure that district schools and
252 local mobile response teams use the same suicide screening
253 instrument approved by the department pursuant to s. 1012.583.

254 Section 5. Present subsection (6) of section 1006.12,
255 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), a new
256 subsection (6) and subsection (7) are added to that section, and
257 paragraph (c) of subsection (1), paragraphs (a) and (b) of
258 subsection (2), and subsection (5) of that section are amended,
259 to read:

260 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
261 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
262 students, and visitors, each district school board and school
263 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
264 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
265 safe-school officers at each school facility within the
266 district, including charter schools. A district school board
267 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
268 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
269 options available under this section. The school district may
270 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)–(4)
271 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter
272 schools.

273 (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may
274 establish school resource officer programs through a cooperative
275 agreement with law enforcement agencies.

276 ~~(c) Complete mental health crisis intervention training~~
277 ~~using a curriculum developed by a national organization with~~
278 ~~expertise in mental health crisis intervention. The training~~
279 ~~shall improve officers' knowledge and skills as first responders~~
280 ~~to incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or~~
281 ~~mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student~~
282 ~~and officer safety.~~

283 (2) SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER.—A school district may
284 commission one or more school safety officers for the protection
285 and safety of school personnel, property, and students within
286 the school district. The district school superintendent may
287 recommend, and the district school board may appoint, one or
288 more school safety officers.

289 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal
290 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation
291 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1),
292 certified under ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 943 and employed by
293 either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board.
294 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the
295 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of
296 chapter 943, and must comply with ~~the provisions of~~ that
297 chapter.

298 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
299 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
300 board property or on property owned or leased by a charter

301 school under a charter contract, as applicable, and to arrest
 302 persons, whether on or off such property, who violate any law on
 303 such property under the same conditions that deputy sheriffs are
 304 authorized to make arrests. A school safety officer has the
 305 authority to carry weapons when performing his or her official
 306 duties.

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

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

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

316 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—Each safe-school officer
 317 shall complete mental health crisis intervention training using
 318 a curriculum developed by a national organization with expertise
 319 in mental health crisis intervention. The training must improve
 320 the officer's knowledge and skills as a first responder to
 321 incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or
 322 mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student
 323 and officer safety.

324 (7) LIMITATIONS.—An individual must satisfy the background
 325 screening, psychological evaluation, and drug test requirements

326 and be approved by the sheriff before participating in any
 327 training required by s. 30.15(1)(k), which may be conducted only
 328 by a sheriff.

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 330 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
 331 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
 332 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school
 333 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety
 334 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the
 335 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource
 336 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school
 337 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.
 338 1011.62(13) and shall be retained by the school district.

339 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 340 1006.1493, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341 1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.—

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

346 (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the
 347 following components:

- 348 1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;
- 349 2. Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and
 350 procedures;

- 351 3. Physical security measures;
- 352 4. Professional development training needs;
- 353 5. An examination of support service roles in school
- 354 safety, security, and emergency planning;
- 355 6. School security and school police staffing, operational
- 356 practices, and related services;
- 357 7. School and community collaboration on school safety;
- 358 ~~and~~
- 359 8. Policies and procedures for school officials to prepare
- 360 for and respond to natural and manmade disasters, including
- 361 family reunification plans to reunite students and employees
- 362 with their families after a school is closed or unexpectedly
- 363 evacuated due to such disasters; and
- 364 9. A return on investment analysis of the recommended
- 365 physical security controls.
- 366 Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
- 367 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2022.