

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 visitors to visit a charter school on  
7           any day at any time; providing that no prior notice is  
8           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, but not limited to, a lab school  
26 established under s. 1002.32 to which a charter has been issued  
27 under s. 1002.33(5)(a)2., a charter school established under s.  
28 1002.33, a charter school designated as a high-performing  
29 charter school under s. 1002.331, and a charter technical career

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30 center established 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 the visitor.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.