| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
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| 2 | An act relating to school discipline report cards; |
| 3 | amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the Office of |
| 4 | Safe Schools, beginning with a certain school year, to |
| 5 | develop and publish on its website school discipline |
| 6 | report cards based on data collected through school |
| 7 | environmental safety incident reports; specifying |
| 8 | requirements for the reports; amending ss. 1001.10, |
| 9 | 1006.1493, and 1006.07, F.S.; conforming cross- |
| 10 | references; providing an effective date. |
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| 12 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 14 | Section 1. Present subsections (9) through (15) of section |
| 15 | 1001.212, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (10) |
| 16 | through (16), respectively, a new subsection (9) is added to |
| 17 | that section, and present subsection (13) of that section is |
| 18 | amended, to read: |
| 19 | 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the |
| 20 | Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office |
| 21 | is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The |
| 22 | office shall serve as a central repository for best practices, |
| 23 | training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters |
| 24 | regarding school safety and security, including prevention |
| 25 | efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness |
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| 26 | planning. The office shall: |
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| 27 | (9) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, develop and |
| 28 | publish on its website school discipline report cards based on |
| 29 | data collected through school environmental safety incident |
| 30 | reports pursuant to subsection (8). The report cards must show |
| 31 | data at the school, school district, and state levels and must |
| 32 | do all the following: |
| 33 | (a) Allow data to be broken down by type of incident or |
| 34 | type of discipline imposed. |
| 35 | (b) Allow data to be broken down by sex, race, English |
| 36 | language learner status, and disability. |
| 37 | (c) Allow comparison of a school's demographic data with |
| 38 | the demographic data of the school district in which the school |
| 39 | is located and the demographic data of this state. |
| 40 | (d) Allow comparison of data by school, school district, |
| 41 | and state levels. |
| 42 | (14) (13) Establish the Statewide Threat Assessment |
| 43 | Database Workgroup, composed of members appointed by the |
| 44 | department, to complement the work of the department and the |
| 45 | Department of Law Enforcement associated with the centralized |
| 46 | integrated data repository and data analytics resources |
| 47 | initiative and make recommendations regarding the development of |
| 48 | a statewide threat assessment database. The database must allow |
| 49 | authorized public school personnel to enter information related |
| 50 | to any threat assessment conducted at their respective schools |
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51 using the instrument developed by the office pursuant to 52 subsection (13) (12), and must provide such information to 53 authorized personnel in each school district and public school 54 and to appropriate stakeholders. By December 31, 2019, the 55 workgroup shall provide a report to the office with 56 recommendations that include, but need not be limited to: 57 (a) Threat assessment data that should be required to be 58 entered into the database. 59 (b) School district and public school personnel who should be allowed to input student records to the database and view 60 61 such records. Database design and functionality, to include data 62 (C) 63 security. 64 (d) Restrictions and authorities on information sharing, 65 including: 66 1. Section 1002.22 and other applicable state laws. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 67 2. 68 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, 42 C.F.R. part 2; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. s. 1320d6, 69 70 45 C.F.R. part 164, subpart E; and other applicable federal 71 laws. The appropriateness of interagency agreements that will 72 3. 73 allow law enforcement to view database records. 74 The cost to develop and maintain a statewide online (e) 75 database. Page 3 of 9

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76 (f) An implementation plan and timeline for the workgroup 77 recommendations.

78 Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 1001.10, Florida 79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 1001.10 Commissioner of Education; general powers and 81 duties.-

82 (9) The commissioner shall review the report of the School 83 Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup regarding hardening and 84 harm mitigation strategies and recommendations submitted by the 85 Office of Safe Schools, pursuant to s. 1001.212(12) s. 1001.212(11). By September 1, 2020, the commissioner shall 86 submit a summary of such recommendations to the Governor, the 87 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of 88 89 Representatives.

90 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1006.1493, Florida 91 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.-

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

97 (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the98 following components:

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School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;

Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and

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101 procedures; 102 Physical security measures; 3. 103 4. Professional development training needs; 104 An examination of support service roles in school 5. 105 safety, security, and emergency planning; 106 6. School security and school police staffing, operational 107 practices, and related services; 108 School and community collaboration on school safety; 7. 109 and 8. A return on investment analysis of the recommended 110 111 physical security controls. 112 The department shall require by contract that the (b) 113 security consulting firm: 114 1. Generate written automated reports on assessment 115 findings for review by the department and school and district 116 officials; 117 2. Provide training to the department and school officials in the use of the FSSAT and other areas of importance identified 118 119 by the department; 120 3. Advise in the development and implementation of templates, formats, guidance, and other resources necessary to 121 122 facilitate the implementation of this section at state, 123 district, school, and local levels; and 124 4. Review recommendations of the School Hardening and Harm 125 Mitigation Workgroup established under s. 1001.212(12) s. Page 5 of 9

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126 1001.212(11) to address physical security measures identified by 127 the FSSAT.

Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

130 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student 131 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall 132 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the 133 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper 134 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the 135 welfare of students, including:

THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.-Each district school board 136 (7)shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment 137 teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of 138 139 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or 140 141 students consistent with the model policies developed by the Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must include procedures 142 143 for referrals to mental health services identified by the school 144 district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when appropriate, and 145 procedures for behavioral threat assessments in compliance with 146 the instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(13) s. 147 $\frac{1001.212(12)}{1001.212(12)}$.

(a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with
expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and
law enforcement. The threat assessment teams shall identify

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151 members of the school community to whom threatening behavior 152 should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty, 153 and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant 154 behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, 155 or self. Upon the availability of the behavioral threat 156 assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(13) s. 157 1001.212(12), the threat assessment team shall use that 158 instrument.

159 (b) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or 160 161 others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its determination to the superintendent or his or her designee. The 162 163 superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt 164 to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in 165 this subsection shall preclude school district personnel from 166 acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

167 Upon a preliminary determination by the threat (C) 168 assessment team that a student poses a threat of violence to 169 himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly 170 disruptive behavior or need for assistance, authorized members 171 of the threat assessment team may obtain criminal history record 172 information pursuant to s. 985.04(1). A member of a threat 173 assessment team may not disclose any criminal history record 174 information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which such 175

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176 disclosure was made to the threat assessment team.

177 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state (d) 178 and local agencies and programs that provide services to 179 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or 180 a mental illness, including the school districts, school personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the 181 182 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and 183 Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care 184 Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the 185 Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, 186 and any service or support provider contracting with such agencies, may share with each other records or information that 187 188 are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 if 189 the records or information are reasonably necessary to ensure 190 access to appropriate services for the student or to ensure the 191 safety of the student or others. All such state and local 192 agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and 193 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,
including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school
resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide
emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and

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201 refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school 202 personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to 203 the threat assessment team, which shall contact the other 204 agencies involved with the student and any known service 205 providers to share information and coordinate any necessary 206 followup actions. Upon the student's transfer to a different 207 school, the threat assessment team shall verify that any 208 intervention services provided to the student remain in place 209 until the threat assessment team of the receiving school 210 independently determines the need for intervention services.

211 (f) Each threat assessment team established pursuant to 212 this subsection shall report quantitative data on its activities 213 to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with guidance from 214 the office and shall utilize the threat assessment database 215 developed pursuant to <u>s. 1001.212(14)</u> s. 1001.212(13) upon the 216 availability of the database.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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