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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to middle school and high school start
3 times; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; providing
4 requirements for middle school and high school start
5 times; requiring such school start times to be
6 implemented by a specified date; providing district
7 school board requirements; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.;
8 requiring charter schools to meet certain requirements
9 relating to middle school and high school start times;
10 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. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section
15 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
17 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
18 powers and perform all duties listed below:

19 (4) ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF SCHOOLS.—
20 Adopt and provide for the execution of plans for the
21 establishment, organization, and operation of the schools of the
22 district, including, but not limited to, the following:

23 (f) *Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date;*
24 *middle school and high school start times.*—Adopt policies for
25 the opening and closing of schools, ~~and~~ fix uniform dates, and
26 middle school and high school start times. ~~; however,~~

27 1. The opening date for schools in the district may not be
28 earlier than August 10 of each year.

29 2. By July 1, 2026, the instructional day for middle

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30 schools may not begin earlier than 8 a.m. and the instructional
31 day for high schools may not begin earlier than 8:30 a.m. Each
32 district school board must inform its community, including
33 parents, students, teachers, school administrators, athletic
34 coaches, and other stakeholders, about the health, safety, and
35 academic impacts of sleep deprivation on middle school and high
36 school students and the benefits of a later school start time
37 and discuss local strategies to successfully implement the later
38 school start times.

39 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section
40 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

41 1002.33 Charter schools.—

42 (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

43 (b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance
44 with the following statutes:

45 1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and
46 records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.

47 2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.

48 3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size,
49 except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s.
50 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.

51 4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and
52 salary schedules.

53 5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.

54 6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with
55 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.

56 7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive
57 requirements for performance evaluations for instructional
58 personnel and school administrators.

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- 59 8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.
- 60 9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat assessment teams.
- 61 10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental
- 62 Safety Incident Reporting.
- 63 11. Section 1006.07(10), relating to reporting of
- 64 involuntary examinations.
- 65 12. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe Schools
- 66 Assessment Tool.
- 67 13. Section 1006.07(6)(d), relating to adopting an active
- 68 assailant response plan.
- 69 14. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile
- 70 suspicious activity reporting tool.
- 71 15. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health
- 72 awareness and assistance training.
- 73 16. Section 1001.42(4)(f)2., relating to middle school and
- 74 high school start times.
- 75 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.