

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to school safety training; amending s.  
 3           30.15, F.S.; revising firearm safety and proficiency  
 4           training requirements for school guardian  
 5           certification; providing an effective date.

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 7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
 10   30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11           30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

12           (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or  
 13   by deputy, shall:

14           (k) Assist district school boards and charter school  
 15   governing boards in complying with s. 1006.12. A sheriff must,  
 16   at a minimum, provide access to a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian  
 17   Program to aid in the prevention or abatement of active  
 18   assailant incidents on school premises, as required under this  
 19   paragraph. Persons certified as school guardians pursuant to  
 20   this paragraph have no authority to act in any law enforcement  
 21   capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an  
 22   active assailant incident.

23           1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to  
 24   implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall  
 25   establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to

26 | subparagraph 2., to school district or charter school employees,  
 27 | either directly or through a contract with another sheriff's  
 28 | office that has established a guardian program.

29 |       b. A charter school governing board in a school district  
 30 | that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian  
 31 | program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a  
 32 | guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school  
 33 | employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter  
 34 | school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has  
 35 | established a guardian program to provide such training. The  
 36 | charter school governing board must notify the superintendent  
 37 | and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract  
 38 | before ~~prior to~~ its execution.

39 |       c. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to  
 40 | subparagraph 2. will be reimbursed for screening-related and  
 41 | training-related costs and for providing a one-time stipend of  
 42 | \$500 to each school guardian who participates in the school  
 43 | guardian program.

44 |       2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with  
 45 | the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding  
 46 | principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as  
 47 | school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees,  
 48 | as specified in s. 1006.12(3), who:

49 |           a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06.

50 |           b. Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12

51 | hours of certified nationally recognized diversity training and  
 52 | 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and proficiency  
 53 | training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
 54 | Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

55 |       (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the  
 56 | Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law  
 57 | Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least  
 58 | 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than  
 59 | associated with academy training. Program participants must  
 60 | achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

61 |       (II) Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

62 |       (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction  
 63 | using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

64 |       (IV) Sixteen ~~Eight~~ hours of instruction in active shooter  
 65 | or assailant scenarios.

66 |       (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

67 |       (VI) Four ~~Twelve~~ hours of instruction in legal issues.

68 |       c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
 69 | psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the  
 70 | Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
 71 | evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law  
 72 | Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with  
 73 | mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this  
 74 | paragraph.

75 |       d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent

76 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
77 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

78 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
79 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual  
80 basis.

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82 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training shall issue a  
83 school guardian certificate to individuals who meet the  
84 requirements of this section to the satisfaction of the sheriff,  
85 and shall maintain documentation of weapon and equipment  
86 inspections, as well as the training, certification, inspection,  
87 and qualification records of each school guardian certified by  
88 the sheriff. An individual who is certified under this paragraph  
89 may serve as a school guardian under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or  
90 she is appointed by the applicable school district  
91 superintendent or charter school principal.

92 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.