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	CHAMBER ACTION
	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
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1	Representative Hunschofsky offered the following:
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3	Substitute Amendment for Amendment (988641) (with title
4	amendment)
5	Remove lines 1505-1741 and insert:
6	Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian
7	Program under s. 30.15(1)(k).
8	(b) A private school that establishes a safe-school
9	officer must comply with the requirements of s. 1006.12.
10	References to a school district, district school board, or
11	<u>district school superintendent in s. 1006.12(1)-(5) shall also</u>
12	mean a private school governing board or private school head of
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13 school, as applicable. References to a school district employee 14 in s. 1006.12(3) shall also mean a private school employee. 15 Section 21. Effective upon becoming a law, subsection (2) of section 1003.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 16 1003.25 Procedures for maintenance and transfer of student 17 18 records.-19 (2) The procedure for transferring and maintaining records of students who transfer from school to school is shall be 20 21 prescribed by rules of the State Board of Education. The 22 transfer of records must shall occur within 3 school days. The records must shall include, if applicable: 23 (a) Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior 24 25 patterns, including any threat assessment report, all 26 corresponding documentation, and any other information required 27 by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument 28 pursuant to s. 1001.212(12) which contains the evaluation, 29 evaluations and intervention, and management of the threat 30 assessment evaluations and intervention services. 31 Psychological evaluations, including therapeutic (b) 32 treatment plans and therapy or progress notes created or 33 maintained by school district or charter school staff, as 34 appropriate. 35 Section 22. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraph (b) 36 of subsection (4), paragraph (b) of subsection (6), and 355135 Approved For Filing: 3/21/2023 6:37:57 PM

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37 subsections (7) and (9) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, 38 are amended to read:

39 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student 40 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall 41 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the 42 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper 43 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the 44 welfare of students, including:

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(4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.-

(b) Provide timely notification to parents of threats pursuant to policies adopted under subsection (7) and the following unlawful acts or significant emergencies that occur on school grounds, during school transportation, or during schoolsponsored activities:

51 Weapons possession or use when there is intended harm 1. 52 toward another person, hostage, and active assailant situations. 53 The active assailant situation training for each school must 54 engage the participation of the district school safety 55 specialist, threat management assessment team members, faculty, 56 staff, and students and must be conducted by the law enforcement 57 agency or agencies that are designated as first responders to the school's campus. 58

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2. Murder, homicide, or manslaughter.

3. Sex offenses, including rape, sexual assault, or sexual
misconduct with a student by school personnel.

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62 4. Natural emergencies, including hurricanes, tornadoes,63 and severe storms.

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5. Exposure as a result of a manmade emergency.

(6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district
school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures
for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the
assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior
poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

(b) Mental health coordinator.-Each district school board shall identify a mental health coordinator for the district. The mental health coordinator shall serve as the district's primary point of contact regarding the district's coordination, communication, and implementation of student mental health policies, procedures, responsibilities, and reporting, including:

77 1. Coordinating with the Office of Safe Schools,78 established pursuant to s. 1001.212.

79 2. Maintaining records and reports regarding student 80 mental health as it relates to school safety and the mental 81 health assistance allocation under s. 1011.62(14).

3. Facilitating the implementation of school district
policies relating to the respective duties and responsibilities
of the school district, the superintendent, and district school
principals.

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4. Coordinating with the school safety specialist on the
staffing and training of threat <u>management</u> assessment teams and
facilitating referrals to mental health services, as
appropriate, for students and their families.

90 5. Coordinating with the school safety specialist on the 91 training and resources for students and school district staff 92 relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance.

93 6. Reviewing annually the school district's policies and 94 procedures related to student mental health for compliance with 95 state law and alignment with current best practices and making 96 recommendations, as needed, for amending such policies and 97 procedures to the superintendent and the district school board.

98 THREAT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.-Each district (7)99 school board and charter school governing board shall establish 100 a adopt policies for the establishment of threat management team 101 assessment teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with 102 103 students individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to the 104 safety of the school, school staff, or students consistent with 105 the model policies developed by the Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must include procedures for referrals to mental health 106 107 services identified by the school district pursuant to s. 108 1012.584(4), when appropriate, and procedures for behavioral 109 threat assessments in compliance with the instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12). 110 355135

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111 (a) Upon the availability of a statewide behavioral threat 112 management operational process developed pursuant to s. 113 1001.212(12), all threat management teams shall use the 114 operational process. 115 (b) (a) A threat management assessment team shall include 116 persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school 117 administration, and law enforcement, and at least one 118 instructional or administrative personnel, pursuant to s. 1012.01(2) and (3), who is personally familiar with the 119 120 individual who is the subject of the threat assessment. All 121 members of the threat management assessment team must be 122 involved in the threat assessment and threat management process 123 and final decisionmaking. 124 The threat management team assessment teams shall (C) 125 identify members of the school community to whom threatening 126 behavior should be reported and provide guidance to students, 127 faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, 128 129 school, or self. 130 (d) Upon the availability of the Florida-specific 131 behavioral threat assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 132 1001.212(12), all the threat management teams assessment team 133 shall use that instrument when evaluating the behavior of 134 students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or

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135 students and to coordinate intervention and services for such 136 students.

137 (e) (b) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or 138 139 herself or others, a threat management assessment team shall 140 immediately report its determination to the superintendent or 141 his or her designee. The superintendent or his or her designee 142 or the charter school administrator or his or her designee shall 143 immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal 144 guardian. Nothing in this subsection precludes shall preclude 145 school district or charter school governing board personnel from 146 acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

(f) (c) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat 147 148 management assessment team that a student poses a threat of 149 violence to himself or herself or others or exhibits 150 significantly disruptive behavior or need for assistance, 151 authorized members of the threat management assessment team may 152 obtain criminal history record information pursuant to s. 153 985.04(1). A member of a threat management assessment team may 154 not disclose any criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an 155 156 individual beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made 157 to the threat management assessment team.

158 (g) (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all 159 state and local agencies and programs that provide services to 355135

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160 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or 161 a mental illness, including the school districts, charter 162 schools, school personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of 163 164 Children and Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for 165 Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with 166 Disabilities, the Department of Education, the Statewide 167 Guardian Ad Litem Office, and any service or support provider 168 contracting with such agencies, may share with each other 169 records or information that are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 if the records or information are 170 171 reasonably necessary to ensure access to appropriate services 172 for the student or to ensure the safety of the student or 173 others. All such state and local agencies and programs shall 174 communicate, collaborate, and coordinate efforts to serve such 175 students.

176 (h) (e) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse 177 crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow steps 178 policies established by the threat management assessment team to 179 engage behavioral health crisis resources. Behavioral health crisis resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis 180 teams and school resource officers trained in crisis 181 182 intervention, shall provide emergency intervention and 183 assessment, make recommendations, and refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall report all 184 355135

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185 such situations and actions taken to the threat management 186 assessment team, which shall contact the other agencies involved 187 with the student and any known service providers to share 188 information and coordinate any necessary followup actions. Upon 189 the student's transfer to a different school, the threat 190 management assessment team shall verify that any intervention 191 services provided to the student remain in place until the 192 threat management assessment team of the receiving school 193 independently determines the need for intervention services.

(i) The threat management team shall prepare a threat
 assessment report required by the Florida-specific behavioral
 threat assessment instrument developed pursuant to s.
 1001.212(12). A threat assessment report, all corresponding
 documentation, and any other information required by the
 Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument in the
 threat management portal is an education record.

201 <u>(j)(f)</u> Each threat <u>management</u> assessment team established 202 pursuant to this subsection shall report quantitative data on 203 its activities to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with 204 guidance from the office and shall utilize the threat assessment 205 database developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(13) upon the 206 availability of the database.

207 (9) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING.-Each 208 district school board shall adopt policies to ensure the 209 accurate and timely reporting of incidents related to school 355135

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210 safety and discipline. The district school superintendent is 211 responsible for school environmental safety incident reporting. 212 A district school superintendent who fails to comply with this 213 subsection is subject to the penalties specified in law, 214 including, but not limited to, s. 1001.42(13)(b) or s. 215 1001.51(12)(b), as applicable. The State Board of Education 216 shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school 217 environmental safety incident report, including those incidents 218 that must be reported to a law enforcement agency. Annually, the 219 department shall publish on its website the most recently available school environmental safety incident data along with 220 221 other school accountability and performance data in a uniform, 222 statewide format that is easy to read and understand. Section 23. Effective upon becoming a law: 223

224 (1) The State Board of Education is authorized, and all 225 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to 226 s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing 227 the amendments made to s. 1006.07(9), Florida Statutes. The 228 Legislature finds that school district discretion over reporting criminal incidents to law enforcement has resulted in 229 230 significant under-reporting of serious crimes. The Legislature 231 further finds that emergency rulemaking authority is necessary 232 to ensure that all reportable incidents that are crimes are 233 reported to law enforcement as soon as practicable starting in the 2023-2024 school year. Emergency rules adopted under this 234 355135

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235 section are exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes and 236 shall remain in effect until replaced by rules adopted under the 237 nonemergency rulemaking procedures of chapter 120, Florida 238 Statutes which must occur no later than July 1, 2024. 239 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency 240 rules adopted pursuant to subsection (1) are effective for 6 241 months after adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of 242 procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of 243 the emergency rules. 244 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 1006.12, Florida 245 Statutes, is amended to read: 246 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.-For 247 the protection and safety of school personnel, property, 248 students, and visitors, each district school board and school 249 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement 250 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more 251 safe-school officers at each school facility within the 252 district, including charter schools. A district school board 253 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to 254 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer 255 options available under this section. The school district may 256 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1) - (4)257 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter 258 schools.

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259 (3)SCHOOL GUARDIAN.-At the school district's or the 260 charter school governing board's discretion, as applicable, 261 pursuant to s. 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may participate in the Scott Hixon, Coach Aaron 262 263 Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the 264 requirement of establishing a safe-school officer. The following 265 individuals may serve as a school guardian, in support of 266 school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon 267 satisfactory completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k)268 and certification by a sheriff:

(a) A school district employee or personnel, as defined under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

(b) An employee of a school district or a charter school who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school guardian.

If a district school board, through its adopted policies, procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school district must assign a school resource officer or school safety officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the charter school's share of the costs of the school resource officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school 355135

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284 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s. 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district. 285 286 287 288 TITLE AMENDMENT 289 Remove lines 93-106 and insert: 290 purposes; conforming a provision to a change made by the 291 act; requiring a private school that establishes a safe-292 school officer to comply with specified provisions of law; 293 providing that the private school is responsible for 294 certain implementation costs; amending s. 1003.25, F.S.; 295 revising information included in verified reports of 296 serious or recurrent behavior patterns; amending s. 297 1006.07, F.S.; redesignating threat assessment teams as 298 threat management teams; requiring a charter school 299 governing board to establish a threat management team; 300 providing requirements for a threat management team; 301 requiring the threat management team to prepare a specified 302 report; authorizing the state board to adopt emergency 303 rules; providing legislative findings; amending s. 1006.12, 304 F.S.; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; 305 creating s.

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