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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Calatayud) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

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

(k) Assist district school boards and charter school



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11 governing boards in complying with, or private schools in  
12 exercising options in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must, at a minimum,  
13 provide access to a Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach  
14 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or  
15 abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises, as  
16 required under this paragraph. Persons certified as school  
17 guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no authority to act in  
18 any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to  
19 prevent or abate an active assailant incident.

20 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to  
21 implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county must  
22 ~~shall~~ establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant  
23 to subparagraph 2., to school district, charter school, or  
24 private school employees, either directly or through a contract  
25 with another sheriff's office that has established a guardian  
26 program.

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

37 c. A private school in a school district that has not  
38 voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian program may  
39 request that the sheriff in the county of the private school



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40 establish a guardian program for the purpose of training private  
41 school employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the  
42 private school may contract with a sheriff from another county  
43 who has established a guardian program to provide such training.  
44 The private school shall ~~must~~ notify the sheriff in the private  
45 school's county of the contract with a sheriff from another  
46 county before its execution. The private school is responsible  
47 for all training and screening-related costs for a school  
48 guardian program. The sheriff providing such training shall ~~must~~  
49 ensure that any moneys paid by a private school are not  
50 commingled with any funds provided by the state to the sheriff  
51 as reimbursement for screening-related and training-related  
52 costs of any school district or charter school employee.

53 d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.  
54 is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff  
55 providing such training shall adhere to the course of  
56 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This  
57 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing  
58 additional training. A school guardian who has completed the  
59 training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b. is ~~may~~ not ~~be~~  
60 required to attend another sheriff's training program pursuant  
61 to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least a 1-year  
62 break in his or her appointment ~~employment~~ as a guardian.

63 e. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to  
64 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees  
65 must ~~will~~ be reimbursed for screening-related and training-  
66 related costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to  
67 each school guardian who participates in the school guardian  
68 program.



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69 f. The sheriff may waive the training and screening-related  
70 costs for a private school for a school guardian program. Funds  
71 provided pursuant to sub-subparagraph e. may not be used to  
72 subsidize any costs that have been waived by the sheriff.

73 g. A person who is certified by and in good standing under  
74 the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission,  
75 who meets the qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who  
76 is otherwise qualified for the position of a school guardian may  
77 be certified as a school guardian by the sheriff without  
78 completing the training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b.  
79 However, a person certified as a school guardian under this sub-  
80 subparagraph must meet the requirements of sub-subparagraphs  
81 2.c., d., and e.

82 2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with  
83 the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding  
84 principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as  
85 school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees,  
86 as specified in s. 1006.12(3), who:

87 a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06.

88 b. Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12  
89 hours of training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and  
90 skills necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on  
91 school premises ~~certified nationally recognized diversity~~  
92 ~~training~~ and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and  
93 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and  
94 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

95 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the  
96 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law  
97 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least



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98 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than  
99 associated with academy training. Program participants must  
100 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

101 (II) Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

102 (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction  
103 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

104 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or  
105 assailant scenarios.

106 (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

107 (VI) Four hours of instruction in legal issues.

108 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
109 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the  
110 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
111 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law  
112 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with  
113 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this  
114 paragraph.

115 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent  
116 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
117 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

118 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
119 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual  
120 basis.

121 3.a. As used in this subparagraph, the term "employer"  
122 means the person who employs a certified school guardian to  
123 serve as a school guardian and may refer to a district school  
124 board, a charter school governing board, a security agency as  
125 defined in s. 493.6101(18) which provides school guardian  
126 services, or a private school as defined in s. 1002.01(3).



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127        b. By September 1, 2024, and thereafter within 30 days  
128 after certification by the sheriff, each sheriff shall report to  
129 the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and  
130 certification date of each school guardian certified by the  
131 sheriff.

132        c. By February 1 and September 1 of each year, each  
133 employer of an appointed school guardian shall report to the  
134 Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and  
135 initial and end-of-appointment dates, as applicable, of each  
136 appointed or separated school guardian which has not been  
137 reported.

138        d. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list  
139 of each person appointed as a school guardian in this state and  
140 shall provide the list to any school safety specialist upon  
141 request. The list must include the name, certification date, and  
142 any appointment or end-of-appointment date of each school  
143 guardian, including the name of the employer or last employer of  
144 the school guardian. The Department of Law Enforcement shall  
145 remove from the list any person whose training has expired  
146 pursuant to sub-subparagraph 1.d.

147        e. Each sheriff shall report on a quarterly basis to the  
148 Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming school  
149 guardian trainings, including the dates of the training, the  
150 training locations, a contact person to register for the  
151 training, and the class capacity. The Department of Law  
152 Enforcement shall publish on its website a list of the upcoming  
153 school guardian trainings. The Department of Law Enforcement  
154 shall update such list quarterly.

155        f. By March 1 and October 1 of each year, the Department of



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156 Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of Education of any  
157 employer of a school guardian which has not complied with the  
158 reporting requirements of this subparagraph.

159 g. An employer that is out of compliance with the reporting  
160 requirements of this subparagraph may not operate a school  
161 guardian program until the employer comes into compliance by  
162 reporting the information for all school guardians the employer  
163 has appointed.

164 h. A sheriff who is out of compliance with the reporting  
165 requirements of this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement  
166 from the Department of Education for school guardian trainings  
167 until the sheriff comes into compliance by reporting the  
168 information for all school guardians whom the sheriff has  
169 certified.

170 i. The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt rules to  
171 implement the requirements of this subparagraph, including  
172 additional required reporting information only as necessary to  
173 uniquely identify each school guardian reported.

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175 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the  
176 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.  
177 shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons ~~individuals~~  
178 who meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of  
179 the sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and  
180 equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,  
181 inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian  
182 certified by the sheriff. An individual ~~who is~~ certified under  
183 this paragraph may serve as a school guardian under s.  
184 1006.12(3) only if he or she is appointed by the applicable



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185 school district superintendent, charter school principal, or  
186 private school head of school.

187 Section 2. Present subsection (5) of section 330.41,  
188 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), and a new  
189 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

190 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

191 (5) PROTECTION OF SCHOOLS.—

192 (a) A person may not knowingly or willfully:

193 1. Operate a drone over a public or private school serving  
194 students in any grade from voluntary prekindergarten through  
195 grade 12; or

196 2. Allow a drone to make contact with a school, including  
197 any person or object on the premises of or within the school  
198 facility.

199 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a  
200 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
201 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or  
202 subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
203 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

204 (c) A person who violates paragraph (a) and records video  
205 of the school, including any person or object on the premises of  
206 or within the school facility, commits a misdemeanor of the  
207 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
208 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation  
209 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
210 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

211 (d) This subsection does not apply to actions identified in  
212 paragraph (a) which are committed by:

213 1. A person acting under the prior written consent of the





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214 school principal, district school board, superintendent, or  
215 school governing board.

216 2. A law enforcement agency that is in compliance with s.  
217 934.50, or a person under contract with or otherwise acting  
218 under the direction of such law enforcement agency.

219 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
220 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

221 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

222 (4)

223 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the  
224 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on  
225 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,  
226 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile  
227 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on  
228 all computer devices issued to students. Within the first 5 days  
229 of each school year, each district school board and charter  
230 school governing board must ensure that instruction on the use  
231 of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as  
232 FortifyFL is provided to students. The instruction must be age  
233 and developmentally appropriate and include the consequences for  
234 making a threat or false report as defined by ss. 790.162 and  
235 790.163, respectively, involving school or school personnel's  
236 property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

237 Section 4. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (3) of  
238 section 943.687, Florida Statutes, to read:

239 943.687 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety  
240 Commission.—

241 (3) The commission shall monitor implementation of school  
242 safety legislation by:



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243           (h) Researching best practices in school safety and making  
244 additional legislative recommendations if necessary.

245           Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
246 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

247           985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.—

248           (4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,  
249 when a child of any age is taken into custody by a law  
250 enforcement officer for an offense that would have been a felony  
251 if committed by an adult, or a crime of violence, the law  
252 enforcement agency must notify the superintendent of schools  
253 that the child is alleged to have committed the delinquent act.  
254 If the child is a dual enrolled student at a postsecondary  
255 institution, the superintendent of schools, or his or her  
256 designee, must notify the chief of police or the public safety  
257 director of the postsecondary institution at which the student  
258 is dual enrolled within 1 business day after receiving the  
259 initial notification.

260           Section 6. Subsection (14) of section 1001.212, Florida  
261 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (17) is added to that  
262 section, to read:

263           1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the  
264 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office  
265 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The  
266 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,  
267 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters  
268 regarding school safety and security, including prevention  
269 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness  
270 planning. The office shall:

271           (14) (a) By August 1, 2024, develop and adopt a Florida



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272 school safety compliance inspection report to document  
273 compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements  
274 mandated by law or rule and adherence to established school  
275 safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and  
276 emergency response of the school. Upon the adoption of the  
277 report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall  
278 provide a blank copy of the report to each district school  
279 superintendent and charter school administrator. The office  
280 shall annually provide school safety specialists with training  
281 on the report, and any revisions thereof, and the expectations  
282 associated with the inspections required under this paragraph.

283       (b) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to school  
284 safety by school districts and public schools, including charter  
285 schools. The office shall report incidents of noncompliance to  
286 the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and the state board  
287 pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of law, as  
288 appropriate. The office may conduct inspections, which may  
289 include unannounced inspections, of all public schools,  
290 including charter schools. The office shall inspect every public  
291 school in this state during 3-year inspection cycles. Within 3  
292 school days after the inspection, the office shall provide a  
293 copy of the completed Florida school safety compliance  
294 inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence  
295 of noncompliance, to the superintendent, the school safety  
296 specialist, and the school principal or charter school  
297 administrator. The school safety specialist shall provide the  
298 office with written notice of the manner in which any  
299 noncompliance has been remediated within 5 school days after  
300 receipt of the report. The office shall reinspect any school



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301 with documented deficiencies within 6 months.

302 (c) Provide a bonus in an amount determined in the General  
303 Appropriations Act, at the conclusion of the initial inspection  
304 conducted during the school year, to the school principal or  
305 charter school administrator of each school that complies with  
306 all school safety requirements.

307 (d)1. Identify any instructional personnel as defined in s.  
308 1012.01(2) and any administrative personnel as defined in s.  
309 1012.01(3) who knowingly violate school safety requirements of  
310 law or rule adopted by the State Board of Education to the  
311 district school superintendent or charter school administrator,  
312 as applicable, for disciplinary action if such action has not  
313 already been commenced by the district school superintendent or  
314 charter school administrator upon receipt of the Florida school  
315 safety compliance inspection report. The district school  
316 superintendent or charter school administrator shall notify the  
317 office of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings within 3  
318 school days after the conclusion of the proceedings.

319 2. Maintain a record of any administrative personnel or  
320 instructional personnel who violated school safety requirements,  
321 and may use such information when making any subsequent  
322 determinations of an alleged violation by the same person.

323 (17) By December 1, 2024, evaluate the methodology for the  
324 Safe Schools Allocation in s. 1011.62(12) and, if necessary,  
325 make recommendations for an alternate methodology to distribute  
326 the remaining balance of the Safe Schools Allocation as  
327 indicated in s. 1011.62(12) to address school safety personnel,  
328 technology, and facility cost needs and each school district's  
329 proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time



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330 equivalent student enrollment.

331       Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and paragraph  
332 (a) of subsection (6) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are  
333 amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of that  
334 section, to read:

335       1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
336 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
337 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
338 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
339 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
340 welfare of students, including:

341       (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

342       (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in  
343 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for  
344 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not  
345 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active assailant and  
346 hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and  
347 faculty at all public schools of the district composed of grades  
348 K-12, pursuant to State Board of Education rules. Drills for  
349 active assailant and hostage situations must be conducted in  
350 accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate  
351 procedures, as specified in State Board of Education rules. Law  
352 enforcement officers responsible for responding to the school in  
353 the event of an active assailant emergency, as determined  
354 necessary by the sheriff in coordination with the district's  
355 school safety specialist, must be physically present on campus  
356 and directly involved in the execution of active assailant  
357 emergency drills. School districts must notify law enforcement  
358 officers at least 24 hours before conducting an active assailant



359 emergency drill at which such law enforcement officers are  
360 expected to attend. Each public school, including charter  
361 schools, shall maintain a record that is accessible on each  
362 campus or by request of the Office of Safe Schools of all  
363 current and prior school year drills conducted pursuant to this  
364 subsection, including the names of law enforcement personnel  
365 present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.  
366 District school board policies must include commonly used alarm  
367 system responses for specific types of emergencies and  
368 verification by each school that drills have been provided as  
369 required by law, State Board of Education rules, and fire  
370 protection codes and may provide accommodations for drills  
371 conducted by exceptional student education centers. District  
372 school boards shall establish emergency response and emergency  
373 preparedness policies and procedures that include, but are not  
374 limited to, identifying the individuals responsible for  
375 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the  
376 emergency response agency responsible for notifying the school  
377 district for each type of emergency. The State Board of  
378 Education shall refer to recommendations provided in reports  
379 published pursuant to s. 943.687 for guidance and, by August 1,  
380 2023, consult with state and local constituencies to adopt rules  
381 applicable to the requirements of this subsection which, at a  
382 minimum, define the terms "emergency drill," "active threat,"  
383 and "after-action report" and establish minimum emergency drill  
384 policies and procedures related to the timing, frequency,  
385 participation, training, notification, accommodations, and  
386 responses to threat situations by incident type, school level,  
387 school type, and student and school characteristics. The rules



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388 must require all types of emergency drills to be conducted no  
389 less frequently than on an annual school year basis.

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

395 (a) *School safety specialist*.—Each district school  
396 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for  
397 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school  
398 administrator employed by the school district or a law  
399 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in  
400 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated  
401 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved  
402 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school  
403 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains  
404 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,  
405 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized  
406 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's  
407 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine  
408 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the  
409 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer  
410 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must  
411 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist  
412 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year  
413 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and  
414 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,  
415 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school  
416 safety specialist shall:



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417           1. In conjunction with the district school superintendent,  
418 annually review school district policies and procedures for  
419 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's  
420 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety  
421 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).  
422 Annually, during the first quarter of every school year, the  
423 school safety specialist shall report to the district school  
424 board in a public meeting the number of schools inspected during  
425 the preceding calendar year and the number and percentage of  
426 schools in compliance during the initial inspection and  
427 reinspection.

428           2. Provide the necessary training and resources to students  
429 and school district staff in matters relating to youth mental  
430 health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures, including  
431 active shooter training; and school safety and security.

432           3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public  
433 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and  
434 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

435           4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety  
436 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of  
437 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each  
438 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool  
439 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.  
440 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's  
441 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the  
442 district school superintendent and the district school board  
443 which identify strategies and activities that the district  
444 school board should implement in order to address the findings  
445 and improve school safety and security. Each district school





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446 board must receive such findings and the school safety  
447 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district  
448 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to  
449 hear the district school board members discuss and take action  
450 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety  
451 specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall  
452 report such findings and school board action to the Office of  
453 Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board  
454 meeting.

455 (f) Progressive discipline policy.—Each district school  
456 board and charter school governing board shall adopt a  
457 progressive discipline policy for addressing any instructional  
458 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2) and any administrative  
459 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(3) who knowingly violate  
460 school safety requirements.

461 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections  
462 (3) and (6) of section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
463 read:

464 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For the  
465 protection and safety of school personnel, property, students,  
466 and visitors, each district school board and school district  
467 superintendent shall partner with law enforcement agencies or  
468 security agencies to establish or assign one or more safe-school  
469 officers at each school facility within the district, including  
470 charter schools. A district school board must collaborate with  
471 charter school governing boards to facilitate charter school  
472 access to all safe-school officer options available under this  
473 section. The school district may implement any combination of  
474 the options in subsections (1)-(4) to best meet the needs of the



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475 school district and charter schools.

476 (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may  
477 establish school resource officer programs through a cooperative  
478 agreement with law enforcement agencies.

479 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district school  
480 board policies and shall consult with and coordinate activities  
481 through the school principal, but shall be responsible to the  
482 law enforcement agency in all matters relating to employment,  
483 subject to agreements between a district school board and a law  
484 enforcement agency. The agreements must identify the entity  
485 responsible for maintaining records related to training.

486 Activities conducted by the school resource officer which are  
487 part of the regular instructional program of the school shall be  
488 under the direction of the school principal.

489 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

490 (a) At the school district's or the charter school  
491 governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.  
492 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may  
493 participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach  
494 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of  
495 establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals  
496 may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned  
497 activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory  
498 completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and  
499 certification by a sheriff:

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



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

507        (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—

508        ~~(a)~~ Each safe-school officer who is also a sworn law  
509 enforcement officer shall complete mental health crisis  
510 intervention training using a curriculum developed by a national  
511 organization with expertise in mental health crisis  
512 intervention. The training must improve the officer's knowledge  
513 and skills as a first responder to incidents involving students  
514 with emotional disturbance or mental illness, including de-  
515 escalation skills to ensure student and officer safety.

516        ~~(b) Each safe-school officer who is not a sworn law~~  
517 ~~enforcement officer shall receive training to improve the~~  
518 ~~officer's knowledge and skills necessary to respond to and de-~~  
519 ~~escalate incidents on school premises.~~

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521 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,  
522 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any  
523 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school  
524 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety  
525 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the  
526 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource  
527 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school  
528 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.  
529 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

530        Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
531 1006.1493, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

532        1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.—



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

537 (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the  
538 following components:

539 1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;

540 2. Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and  
541 procedures;

542 3. Physical security measures, which include, but are not  
543 limited to, security for gates or other access points that  
544 restrict ingress to or egress from a school campus, a school  
545 facility, and rooms and areas within the facility, and the  
546 identification and demarcation of safe spaces;

547 4. Professional development training needs;

548 5. An examination of support service roles in school  
549 safety, security, and emergency planning;

550 6. School security and school police staffing, operational  
551 practices, and related services;

552 7. School and community collaboration on school safety;

553 8. Policies and procedures for school officials to prepare  
554 for and respond to natural and manmade disasters, including  
555 family reunification plans to reunite students and employees  
556 with their families after a school is closed or unexpectedly  
557 evacuated due to such disasters; and

558 9. A return on investment analysis of the recommended  
559 physical security controls.

560 Section 10. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year and subject to  
561 legislative appropriation, the Department of Law Enforcement



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562 shall provide grants to sheriffs' offices and law enforcement  
563 agencies to conduct physical site security assessments for and  
564 provide reports to private schools with recommendations on  
565 improving such schools' infrastructure safety and security; to  
566 assist private schools in developing active assailant response  
567 protocols and develop and implement training relating to active  
568 assailant responses, including active assailant response drills  
569 for students and school personnel; and to consult with or  
570 provide guidance to private schools in implementing a threat  
571 management program similar to the process required under s.  
572 1001.212(12), Florida Statutes, for public schools. The  
573 Department of Law Enforcement shall develop a site security  
574 assessment form for use by sheriffs' offices and law enforcement  
575 agencies and make the form available, including any subsequent  
576 revisions, to private schools. Grants awarded under this section  
577 may be used for personnel costs and to purchase software and  
578 other items necessary to assist private schools. The Department  
579 of Law Enforcement may establish criteria and set specific time  
580 periods for the acceptance of applications and for the selection  
581 process for awarding grant funds under this section. Grants must  
582 be awarded no later than October 1, 2024.

583       Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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586 And the title is amended as follows:

587       Delete everything before the enacting clause  
588 and insert:

589                       A bill to be entitled  
590       An act relating to school safety; amending s. 30.15,



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591 F.S.; providing that sheriffs are responsible for  
592 screening-related costs for school guardian programs;  
593 authorizing sheriffs to waive training and screening-  
594 related costs for a private school for a school  
595 guardian program; providing conditions for an  
596 individual to be certified as a school guardian;  
597 revising specified training requirements for school  
598 guardians; defining the term "employer"; requiring  
599 sheriffs and employers of school guardians to report  
600 certain information to the Department of Law  
601 Enforcement by specified dates; requiring the  
602 Department of Law Enforcement to maintain a list of  
603 school guardians and provide the list to any School  
604 Safety Specialist upon request; providing requirements  
605 for the list; requiring each sheriff to report on a  
606 quarterly basis to the Department of Law Enforcement  
607 the schedule for school guardian trainings; requiring  
608 the Department of Law Enforcement to publish a list of  
609 the upcoming trainings on its website; requiring the  
610 Department of Law Enforcement to notify the Department  
611 of Education by specified dates of any employer of a  
612 school guardian who has not complied with certain  
613 requirements; prohibiting an employer who is not in  
614 compliance from operating a school guardian program;  
615 prohibiting a sheriff who is not in compliance with  
616 certain reporting requirements from receiving certain  
617 reimbursements; making technical changes; authorizing  
618 the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules;  
619 amending s. 330.41, F.S.; prohibiting the operation of



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620 a drone over public and private schools and recording  
621 video of such schools; providing criminal penalties;  
622 providing exemptions; amending s. 943.082, F.S.;  
623 requiring each district school board and charter  
624 school governing board to ensure that instruction on  
625 the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool is  
626 provided to students; providing requirements for the  
627 instruction; amending s. 943.687, F.S.; requiring the  
628 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety  
629 Commission to research best practices in school safety  
630 and make additional legislative recommendations if  
631 necessary; amending s. 985.04, F.S.; requiring  
632 superintendents or their designees to notify, within a  
633 specified timeframe, the chief of police or the public  
634 safety director of a postsecondary institution in  
635 which a student is dual enrolled if such student  
636 commits certain offenses; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.;  
637 requiring the Office of Safe Schools by a specified  
638 date to develop and adopt a Florida school safety  
639 compliance inspection report to document compliance or  
640 noncompliance with school safety requirements;  
641 requiring the office to provide a blank copy of the  
642 report to each district school superintendent and  
643 charter school administrator; requiring the office to  
644 provide school safety specialists with trainings on  
645 the report; authorizing the office to conduct  
646 inspections of public schools and charter schools;  
647 requiring the office to conduct inspections of every  
648 public school within a specified timeframe; requiring



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649 the office to provide a copy of the inspection report  
650 to specified entities within a specified timeframe  
651 after an inspection; requiring a school safety  
652 specialist to provide the office with written notice  
653 of the manner in which noncompliance has been  
654 remediated within a specified timeframe; requiring the  
655 office to reinspect schools with documented  
656 deficiencies within a specified timeframe; requiring  
657 the office to provide a bonus to a school principal or  
658 charter school administrator of a school that complies  
659 with all school safety requirements; requiring the  
660 office to identify any instructional personnel and  
661 administrative personnel who knowingly violate school  
662 safety requirements for disciplinary action; requiring  
663 a district school superintendent or charter school  
664 administrator to notify the office of the outcome of  
665 the disciplinary proceedings within a specified  
666 timeframe; requiring the office to maintain a record  
667 of any administrative personnel or instructional  
668 personnel who violate school safety requirements;  
669 requiring the office to evaluate the methodology for  
670 the Safe Schools Allocation by a specified date;  
671 amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring public schools,  
672 including charter schools, to maintain a record that  
673 is accessible to the Office of Safe Schools of  
674 specified drills conducted; requiring the school  
675 safety specialist to report to the district school  
676 board in a public meeting the number of schools  
677 inspected during the preceding calendar year;





678 requiring each district school board and charter  
679 school governing board to adopt a progressive  
680 discipline policy for addressing any instructional  
681 personnel or administrative personnel who knowingly  
682 violate school safety requirements; amending s.  
683 1006.12, F.S.; requiring that agreements between a  
684 district school board and a law enforcement agency  
685 include a certain provision; deleting a requirement  
686 for certain safe-school officers to receive specified  
687 training; amending s. 1006.1493, F.S.; specifying  
688 physical security measures that must be addressed by  
689 the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool; subject to  
690 legislative appropriation, requiring the Department of  
691 Law Enforcement to provide grants to sheriffs' offices  
692 and law enforcement agencies to conduct physical site  
693 security assessments for and provide reports to  
694 private schools; requiring sheriffs' offices and law  
695 enforcement agencies to provide private schools with  
696 recommendations on improving infrastructure safety and  
697 security; requiring sheriffs' offices and law  
698 enforcement agencies to assist private schools in  
699 developing active assailant responses; requiring the  
700 Department of Law Enforcement to develop a site  
701 security assessment form for use by sheriffs' offices  
702 and law enforcement agencies; requiring the Department  
703 of Law Enforcement to provide such form to private  
704 schools; authorizing the use of grants for specified  
705 purposes; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement  
706 to establish requirements for awarding such grants;



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requiring that grants be awarded by a specified date;  
providing an effective date.