

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to student suspensions and expulsions;  
 3           amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; prohibiting certain  
 4           students from being suspended or expelled from a K-12  
 5           school for specified actions; amending s. 1006.09,  
 6           F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
 7           act; providing an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 12   1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
 14   discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
 15   provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
 16   attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
 17   attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
 18   welfare of students, including:

19           (1) CONTROL OF STUDENTS.—

20           (a) Adopt rules for the control, discipline, in-school  
 21   suspension, suspension, and expulsion of students and decide all  
 22   cases recommended for expulsion. A student in kindergarten  
 23   through grade 3 may not be suspended and a student in  
 24   kindergarten through grade 12 may not be expelled for willful  
 25   disobedience, open defiance of authority of a school staff, or

26 substantially disrupting the orderly conduct of the school.  
27 Suspension hearings are exempted from the provisions of chapter  
28 120. Expulsion hearings shall be governed by ss. 120.569 and  
29 120.57(2) and are exempt from s. 286.011. However, the student's  
30 parent must be given notice of the provisions of s. 286.011 and  
31 may elect to have the hearing held in compliance with that  
32 section. The district school board may prohibit the use of  
33 corporal punishment, if the district school board adopts or has  
34 adopted a written program of alternative control or discipline.

35 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
36 1006.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 1006.09 Duties of school principal relating to student  
38 discipline and school safety.—

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40 (c) The principal or the principal's designee may  
41 recommend to the district school superintendent the expulsion of  
42 any student who has committed a serious breach of conduct,  
43 including, but not limited to, ~~willful disobedience, open~~  
44 ~~defiance of authority of a member of his or her staff,~~ violence  
45 against persons or property, ~~or any other act which~~  
46 ~~substantially disrupts the orderly conduct of the school.~~ A  
47 recommendation of expulsion or assignment to a second chance  
48 school may also be made for any student found to have  
49 intentionally made false accusations that jeopardize the  
50 professional reputation, employment, or professional

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51 certification of a teacher or other member of the school staff,  
52 according to the district school board code of student conduct.  
53 Any recommendation of expulsion shall include a detailed report  
54 by the principal or the principal's designated representative on  
55 the alternative measures taken prior to the recommendation of  
56 expulsion.

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.