

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school safety; amending s. 30.15,
3 F.S.; providing that private schools are responsible
4 for specified costs relating to school guardian
5 programs; authorizing sheriffs to waive specified
6 costs for private schools; authorizing certain persons
7 to be certified as school guardians without completing
8 certain training requirements; requiring school
9 districts, charter schools, private schools, and
10 sheriffs to report specified information relating to
11 school guardians and school guardian programs to the
12 Department of Law Enforcement within specified
13 timeframes; requiring the Department of Law
14 Enforcement to maintain a list of school guardians and
15 school guardian trainings; providing for the removal
16 of specified persons from such list; providing
17 requirements for such list; prohibiting sheriffs who
18 fail to report specified information from receiving
19 certain reimbursement; prohibiting school districts,
20 charter schools, and private schools that fail to
21 report specified information from operating school
22 guardian programs; requiring the Department of Law
23 Enforcement to annually by specified dates report
24 certain information to the Department of Education;
25 amending s. 943.082, F.S.; requiring the mobile

26 suspicious activity reporting tool to be integrated
27 into schools' curriculum at least once per academic
28 year; providing requirements for such instruction;
29 amending s. 985.04, F.S.; requiring the superintendent
30 of schools to notify specified chiefs of police or
31 public safety directors of certain postsecondary
32 institutions of specified alleged acts by children
33 dual enrolled at such institutions; amending s.
34 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the Office of Safe Schools
35 to develop and adopt a specified report relating to
36 compliance and noncompliance with school safety
37 requirements by a specified date; requiring the office
38 to provide such report to specified persons; requiring
39 the office to conduct specified inspections and
40 investigate certain noncompliance; providing
41 requirements for the provision of specified
42 information from such inspections and investigations;
43 requiring the office to provide certain quarterly
44 reports to specified persons; requiring the office to
45 provide bonuses to certain persons who comply with
46 specified requirements; requiring the office to refer
47 certain personnel to specified persons or the
48 Department of Education; requiring the office to
49 notify specified personnel electronically of certain
50 requirements; requiring the office to recommend a

51 methodology to distribute the safe schools allocation
52 by a specified date; providing requirements for such
53 recommendation; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring
54 schools, including charter schools, to maintain a
55 specified record relating to certain drills; providing
56 that certain school safety specialist duties are in
57 conjunction with the district school superintendent;
58 requiring school safety specialists to report certain
59 noncompliance and violations to specified individuals
60 and the office; requiring school districts and charter
61 school governing boards to comply with certain school
62 safety requirements by a specified date; providing
63 that certain personnel are subject to specified
64 disciplinary measures for certain violations;
65 providing reporting requirements for violations of
66 certain school safety requirements; amending s.
67 1012.795, F.S.; providing that school administrators
68 are subject to disciplinary measures by the Education
69 Practices Commission for certain violations; subject
70 to legislative appropriation, requiring the Department
71 of Law Enforcement to provide grants to sheriffs and
72 law enforcement agencies to conduct specified
73 assessments and provide specified reports to private
74 schools relating to school safety; providing
75 requirements for such grants; requiring the Department

76 of Law Enforcement to develop a specified form and
 77 provide such form to private schools; providing an
 78 effective date.

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

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 82 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section
 83 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

84 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

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

87 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school
 88 governing boards in complying with, or private schools in
 89 exercising options in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must, at a minimum,
 90 provide access to a Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 91 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or
 92 abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises, as
 93 required under this paragraph. Persons certified as school
 94 guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no authority to act in
 95 any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to
 96 prevent or abate an active assailant incident.

97 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to
 98 implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall
 99 establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to
 100 subparagraph 2., to school district, charter school, or private

101 school employees, either directly or through a contract with
102 another sheriff's office that has established a guardian
103 program.

104 b. A charter school governing board in a school district
105 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian
106 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a
107 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school
108 employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter
109 school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has
110 established a guardian program to provide such training. The
111 charter school governing board must notify the superintendent
112 and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract
113 prior to its execution.

114 c. A private school in a school district that has not
115 voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian program may
116 request that the sheriff in the county of the private school
117 establish a guardian program for the purpose of training private
118 school employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the
119 private school may contract with a sheriff from another county
120 who has established a guardian program to provide such training.
121 The private school must notify the sheriff in the private
122 school's county of the contract with a sheriff from another
123 county before its execution. The private school is responsible
124 for all training and screening-related costs for a school
125 guardian program. The sheriff providing such training must

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126 ensure that any moneys paid by a private school are not
127 commingled with any funds provided by the state to the sheriff
128 as reimbursement for screening-related and training-related
129 costs of any school district or charter school employee.

130 d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.
131 is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff
132 providing such training shall adhere to the course of
133 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This
134 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing
135 additional training. A school guardian who has completed the
136 training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b. may not be
137 required to attend another sheriff's training program pursuant
138 to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least a 1-year
139 break in his or her appointment ~~employment~~ as a guardian.

140 e. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to
141 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees
142 will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related
143 costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each
144 school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

145 f. The sheriff may waive the training and screening-
146 related costs for a private school for a school guardian
147 program.

148 g. A person who is certified under the Florida Criminal
149 Justice Standards and Training Commission, who meets the
150 qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who is otherwise

151 qualified for the position of a school guardian may be certified
152 as a school guardian by the sheriff without completing the
153 training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b. However, a person
154 certified as a school guardian under this sub-subparagraph must
155 meet the requirements of sub-subparagraphs 2.c.-e.

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

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

162 b. Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12
163 hours of certified nationally recognized diversity training and
164 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and proficiency
165 training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and Training
166 Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

167 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the
168 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law
169 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least
170 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than
171 associated with academy training. Program participants must
172 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

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

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

176 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or
 177 assailant scenarios.

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

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

180 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
 181 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
 182 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
 183 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law
 184 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with
 185 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
 186 paragraph.

187 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
 188 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
 189 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

190 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
 191 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
 192 basis.

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 194 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the
 195 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.
 196 shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons ~~individuals~~
 197 who meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of
 198 the sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and
 199 equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,
 200 inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian

201 certified by the sheriff. A person ~~An individual~~ who is
 202 certified under this paragraph may serve as a school guardian
 203 under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or she is appointed by the
 204 applicable school district superintendent, charter school
 205 principal, or private school head of school.

206 3.a.(I) Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian
 207 certificate, the sheriff who issued the certificate must report
 208 to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth,
 209 and certification date of the school guardian.

210 (II) By August 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a school
 211 guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law
 212 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of
 213 each school guardian who received a certificate from the
 214 sheriff.

215 b.(I) Annually, by February 1 and September 1, each school
 216 district, charter school, and private school must report to the
 217 Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and
 218 appointment date of each person appointed as a school guardian.
 219 The school district, charter school, and private school must
 220 also report to the Department of Law Enforcement the date such
 221 person ends his or her appointment as a school guardian.

222 (II) By August 1, 2024, each school district, charter
 223 school, and private school must report to the Department of Law
 224 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and appointment date of
 225 each person appointed as a school guardian. Within 30 days after

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226 a school guardian ends his or her appointment, the school
227 district, charter school, and private school must report to the
228 Department of Law Enforcement the date such person ended his or
229 her appointment as a school guardian.

230 c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list
231 of each person appointed as a school guardian in the state. The
232 list must include the name and certification date of each school
233 guardian and the date the person was appointed as a school
234 guardian, including the name of the school district, charter
235 school, or private school in which the school guardian is
236 appointed and, if applicable, the date such person ended his or
237 her appointment as a school guardian. The Department of Law
238 Enforcement shall remove from the list any person whose training
239 has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph 1.d.

240 d. Each sheriff must report on a quarterly basis to the
241 Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming school
242 guardian trainings, including the dates of the training, the
243 training locations, a contact person to register for the
244 training, and the class capacity. The Department of Law
245 Enforcement shall publish on its website a list of the upcoming
246 school guardian trainings. The Department of Law Enforcement
247 must update such list quarterly.

248 e. A sheriff who fails to report the information required
249 by this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement from the
250 Department of Education for school guardian trainings. Upon the

251 submission of the required information, a sheriff is deemed
252 eligible for such funding and is authorized to continue to
253 receive reimbursement for school guardian training.

254 f. A school district, charter school, or private school
255 that fails to report the information required by this
256 subparagraph may not operate a school guardian program. Upon the
257 submission of the required information, the school district,
258 charter school, or private school is authorized to resume
259 operation of the school guardian program.

260 g. Annually, by March 1 and October 1, the Department of
261 Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of Education of any
262 sheriff, school district, charter school, or private school that
263 has not complied with the reporting requirements of this
264 subparagraph.

265 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
266 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

267 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

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269 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the
270 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on
271 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,
272 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile
273 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on
274 all computer devices issued to students. Each school principal
275 must integrate the use of the mobile suspicious activity

276 reporting tool within the school's curriculum a minimum of once
 277 per academic year. The instruction must be age and
 278 developmentally appropriate and include the consequences for
 279 making a threat or false report, as described in ss. 790.162 and
 280 790.163, respectively, involving school or school personnel's
 281 property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

282 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 283 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

284 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.—

285 (4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
 286 section, when a child of any age is taken into custody by a law
 287 enforcement officer for an offense that would have been a felony
 288 if committed by an adult, or a crime of violence, the law
 289 enforcement agency must notify the superintendent of schools
 290 that the child is alleged to have committed the delinquent act.
 291 If the child is a dual enrolled student at a postsecondary
 292 institution, the superintendent of schools must notify the chief
 293 of police or the public safety director of the postsecondary
 294 institution at which the student is dual enrolled within 24
 295 hours after receiving such notification.

296 Section 4. Subsection (14) of section 1001.212, Florida
 297 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (17) and (18) are added to
 298 that section, to read:

299 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
 300 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office

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301 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
302 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
303 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
304 regarding school safety and security, including prevention
305 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
306 planning. The office shall:

307 (14) (a) By August 1, 2024, develop and adopt a Florida
308 school safety compliance inspection report to document
309 compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements
310 mandated by law or rule and adherence to established school
311 safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and
312 emergency response of the school. Upon the adoption of the
313 report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall
314 provide a blank copy of the report to each district school
315 superintendent and charter school administrator.

316 (b) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to
317 school safety by school districts and public schools, including
318 charter schools. The office shall annually conduct unannounced
319 inspections of all public schools, including charter schools,
320 while school is in session, and investigate reports of
321 noncompliance with school safety requirements. Within 3 school
322 days after the unannounced inspection, the office shall provide
323 a copy of the completed Florida school safety compliance
324 inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence
325 of noncompliance, to the school safety specialist, the school

326 principal or charter school administrator, the commissioner
327 pursuant to s. 1001.11(9), the state board pursuant to s.
328 1008.32, and other requirements of law, as appropriate. The
329 school principal or charter school administrator shall
330 acknowledge receipt of the report in writing within 1 school day
331 after receipt. The school safety specialist shall inform the
332 district school superintendent of any schools in the district,
333 including charter schools, with documented noncompliance. The
334 office shall reinspect any school with documented deficiencies
335 within 6 months. The school principal or charter school
336 administrator, or his or her designee, must provide the office
337 with written notice of how the noncompliance with s.
338 1006.07(6)(f) have been remediated within 3 school days after
339 receipt of the report.

340 (c) Provide quarterly reports to each district school
341 superintendent and school safety specialist identifying the
342 number and percentage of schools, including charter schools,
343 inspected or reinspected during that quarter and the number and
344 percentage of inspected schools that had no school safety
345 requirement deficiencies. The school safety specialist shall
346 present each quarterly report to the district school board in a
347 public meeting. Annually, during the first quarter of every
348 school year, the school safety specialist shall report to the
349 district school board in a public meeting the number of schools
350 inspected during the preceding calendar year and the number and

351 percentage of schools in compliance during the initial
352 inspection and reinspection.

353 (d) Provide a bonus in an amount determined in the General
354 Appropriations Act, at the conclusion of the initial unannounced
355 inspection conducted during the school year, to the school
356 principal or charter school administrator of each school that
357 complies with all school safety requirements.

358 (e)1. Refer any instructional personnel as defined in s.
359 1012.01(2) who knowingly violate s. 1006.07(6)(f) to the
360 district school superintendent or charter school administrator,
361 as applicable, for disciplinary action if such action has not
362 already been commenced by the district school superintendent or
363 charter school administrator upon receipt of the Florida school
364 safety compliance inspection report. The district school
365 superintendent or charter school administrator must notify the
366 office of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings within 3
367 school days after the conclusion of the proceedings.

368 2. Refer any administrative personnel as defined in s.
369 1012.01(3) who knowingly permitted a violation of s.
370 1006.07(6)(f) to the department pursuant to s. 1012.796.

371 3. Maintain a record of any administrative personnel or
372 instructional personnel who unknowingly violated s.
373 1006.07(6)(f), and may use such information when making any
374 subsequent determinations of an alleged violation by the same
375 person.

376 (17) Annually, at the beginning of the school year, notify
 377 all administrative and instructional personnel by electronic
 378 mail of the requirements of s. 1006.07(6)(f).

379 (18) By December 1, 2024, recommend a methodology to
 380 distribute the safe schools allocation under s. 1011.62(12)
 381 based upon the number and severity of incidents reported
 382 pursuant to s. 1006.07(9) and each school district's
 383 proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time
 384 equivalent student enrollment ~~report incidents of noncompliance~~
 385 ~~to the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and the state~~
 386 ~~board pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of law, as~~
 387 ~~appropriate.~~

388 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and paragraph
 389 (a) of subsection (6) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are
 390 amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of that
 391 section, to read:

392 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
 393 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
 394 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
 395 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
 396 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
 397 welfare of students, including:

398 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

399 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in
 400 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for

401 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not
402 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active assailant and
403 hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and
404 faculty at all public schools of the district composed of grades
405 K-12, pursuant to State Board of Education rules. Drills for
406 active assailant and hostage situations must be conducted in
407 accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate
408 procedures, as specified in State Board of Education rules. Law
409 enforcement officers responsible for responding to the school in
410 the event of an active assailant emergency, as determined
411 necessary by the sheriff in coordination with the district's
412 school safety specialist, must be physically present on campus
413 and directly involved in the execution of active assailant
414 emergency drills. School districts must notify law enforcement
415 officers at least 24 hours before conducting an active assailant
416 emergency drill at which such law enforcement officers are
417 expected to attend. Each school, including charter schools, must
418 maintain a record that is accessible on each campus or by
419 request of the Office of Safe Schools of all drills conducted
420 pursuant to this subsection, including the names of law
421 enforcement personnel present on campus for each active
422 assailant emergency drill. District school board policies must
423 include commonly used alarm system responses for specific types
424 of emergencies and verification by each school that drills have
425 been provided as required by law, State Board of Education

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426 | rules, and fire protection codes and may provide accommodations
427 | for drills conducted by exceptional student education centers.
428 | District school boards shall establish emergency response and
429 | emergency preparedness policies and procedures that include, but
430 | are not limited to, identifying the individuals responsible for
431 | contacting the primary emergency response agency and the
432 | emergency response agency responsible for notifying the school
433 | district for each type of emergency. The State Board of
434 | Education shall refer to recommendations provided in reports
435 | published pursuant to s. 943.687 for guidance and, by August 1,
436 | 2023, consult with state and local constituencies to adopt rules
437 | applicable to the requirements of this subsection which, at a
438 | minimum, define the terms "emergency drill," "active threat,"
439 | and "after-action report" and establish minimum emergency drill
440 | policies and procedures related to the timing, frequency,
441 | participation, training, notification, accommodations, and
442 | responses to threat situations by incident type, school level,
443 | school type, and student and school characteristics. The rules
444 | must require all types of emergency drills to be conducted no
445 | less frequently than on an annual school year basis.

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

451 (a) School safety specialist.—Each district school
 452 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for
 453 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school
 454 administrator employed by the school district or a law
 455 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in
 456 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated
 457 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved
 458 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school
 459 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains
 460 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,
 461 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized
 462 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's
 463 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine
 464 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the
 465 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer
 466 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must
 467 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist
 468 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year
 469 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and
 470 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,
 471 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school
 472 safety specialist shall:

- 473 1. In conjunction with the district school superintendent,
 474 annually review school district policies and procedures for
 475 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's

476 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety
477 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).
478 At least quarterly, the school safety specialist must report to
479 the district school superintendent any noncompliance by the
480 school district with laws or rules regarding school safety.

481 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to
482 students and school district staff in matters relating to youth
483 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures,
484 including active shooter training; and school safety and
485 security.

486 3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public
487 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and
488 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

489 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety
490 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of
491 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each
492 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
493 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
494 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's
495 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the
496 district school superintendent and the district school board
497 which identify strategies and activities that the district
498 school board should implement in order to address the findings
499 and improve school safety and security. Each district school
500 board must receive such findings and the school safety

501 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district
502 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to
503 hear the district school board members discuss and take action
504 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety
505 specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall
506 report such findings and school board action to the Office of
507 Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board
508 meeting.

509 5. Report violations of paragraph (f) by administrative
510 personnel and instructional personnel to the district school
511 superintendent or charter school administrator, as applicable,
512 and the Office of Safe Schools.

513 (f) School safety requirements.-

514 1. By August 1, 2024, each school district and charter
515 school governing board shall comply with the following school
516 safety requirements:

517 a. All gates or other access points that restrict ingress
518 to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked
519 when students are on campus. All gates or other campus access
520 points under this sub-subparagraph shall have a sign permanently
521 affixed to the gate or other access point indicating that the
522 gate or access point must be closed and locked. A gate or other
523 campus access point may not be open or unlocked, unless attended
524 or actively staffed by a person when students are on campus,
525 regardless of whether it is during normal school hours.

526 b. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
527 must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students,
528 except between class periods when students are moving between
529 classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or
530 other instructional space door must be left unlocked or open for
531 any reason other than between class periods when students are
532 moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the
533 door must be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at
534 the door.

535 c. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points
536 that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall
537 remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless
538 a person is actively entering or exiting the door, gate, or
539 other access point. All campus access doors, gates, and other
540 access points may be electronically or manually controlled by
541 school personnel to allow access by authorized visitors,
542 students, and school personnel.

543 d. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
544 must clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each
545 classroom or other instructional space where students must
546 shelter in place during an emergency. Students must be notified
547 of these safe areas within the first 5 days of the school year.
548 If it is not feasible to clearly and conspicuously mark the
549 safest areas in a classroom or other instructional space, the
550 school safety specialist or his or her designee must document

551 such determination in writing and notify the Office of Safe
 552 Schools. The office shall conduct a compliance inspection
 553 pursuant to s. 1001.212(14).

554 2. Administrative personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(3)
 555 who knowingly violate the requirements of this paragraph are
 556 subject to disciplinary measures under ss. 1012.795 and
 557 1012.796.

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 559 Persons who are aware of a violation of this paragraph must
 560 report the violation to the school principal. The school
 561 principal must report the violation to the school safety
 562 specialist no later than the next business day after receiving
 563 such report. If the person who violated this paragraph is the
 564 school principal or charter school administrator, the report
 565 must be made directly to the district school superintendent or
 566 charter school governing board, as applicable.

567 Section 6. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (1) of
 568 section 1012.795, Florida Statutes, to read:

569 1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to
 570 discipline.—

571 (1) The Education Practices Commission may suspend the
 572 educator certificate of any instructional personnel or school
 573 administrator, as defined in s. 1012.01(2) or (3), for up to 5
 574 years, thereby denying that person the right to teach or
 575 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public

576 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students
577 for that period of time, after which the person may return to
578 teaching as provided in subsection (4); may revoke the educator
579 certificate of any person, thereby denying that person the right
580 to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or
581 public school in any capacity requiring direct contact with
582 students for up to 10 years, with reinstatement subject to
583 subsection (4); may permanently revoke the educator certificate
584 of any person thereby denying that person the right to teach or
585 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public
586 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students;
587 may suspend a person's educator certificate, upon an order of
588 the court or notice by the Department of Revenue relating to the
589 payment of child support; may direct the department to place a
590 certificateholder employed by a public school, charter school,
591 charter school governing board, or private school that
592 participates in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002
593 on the disqualification list maintained by the department
594 pursuant to s. 1001.10(4)(b) for misconduct that would render
595 the person ineligible pursuant to s. 1012.315 or sexual
596 misconduct with a student; or may impose any other penalty
597 provided by law, if the person:

598 (q) Is a school administrator who knowingly violated the
599 school safety requirements under s. 1006.07(6)(f).

600 Section 7. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year and subject to

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601 legislative appropriation, the Department of Law Enforcement
602 shall provide grants to sheriff's offices and law enforcement
603 agencies to conduct physical site security assessments for and
604 provide reports to private schools with recommendations on
605 improving such schools' infrastructure safety and security; to
606 assist private schools in developing active assailant response
607 protocols and develop and implement training relating to active
608 assailant responses, including active assailant response drills
609 for students and school personnel; and to assist private schools
610 in implementing a threat management program similar to the
611 program required under s. 1001.212(12), Florida Statutes, for
612 public schools. The Department of Law Enforcement shall develop
613 a site security assessment form for use by sheriff's offices and
614 law enforcement agencies and provide the form, including any
615 subsequent revisions, to private schools. Grants awarded under
616 this section may be used for personnel costs and to purchase
617 software and other items necessary to assist private schools.
618 The Department of Law Enforcement shall establish the
619 requirements for awarding grants under this section. Grants must
620 be awarded no later than October 1, 2024.

621 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.