

26 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to report
27 certain information to the Department of Education by
28 specified dates of each school year; amending 330.41,
29 F.S.; prohibiting the operation of a drone over public
30 and private schools and recording video of such
31 schools; providing criminal penalties; providing
32 exemptions; amending s. 943.082, F.S.; requiring the
33 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool to be
34 integrated into schools' curriculum at least once per
35 academic year; providing requirements for such
36 instruction; amending s. 985.04, F.S.; requiring the
37 superintendent of schools to notify specified chiefs
38 of police or public safety directors of certain
39 postsecondary institutions of specified alleged acts
40 by children dual enrolled at such institutions;
41 amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the Office of
42 Safe Schools to develop and adopt a specified report
43 relating to compliance and noncompliance with school
44 safety requirements by a specified date; requiring the
45 office to provide such report to specified persons;
46 requiring the office to conduct specified inspections
47 triennially and investigate certain noncompliance;
48 providing requirements for the provision of specified
49 information from such inspections and investigations;
50 requiring the office to provide certain quarterly

51 reports to specified persons; requiring the office to
 52 provide bonuses to certain persons who comply with
 53 specified requirements; requiring the office to refer
 54 certain personnel to specified persons or the
 55 Department of Education; requiring the office to
 56 notify specified personnel electronically of certain
 57 requirements; requiring the office to recommend a
 58 methodology to distribute the safe schools allocation
 59 by a specified date; providing requirements for such
 60 recommendation; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring
 61 schools, including charter schools, to maintain a
 62 specified record relating to certain drills; providing
 63 that certain school safety specialist duties are in
 64 conjunction with the district school superintendent;
 65 requiring school safety specialists to conduct
 66 specified annual inspections, investigate specified
 67 reports of noncompliance, and report certain
 68 noncompliance and violations to specified individuals,
 69 the district school board, and the office; requiring
 70 school districts and charter school governing boards
 71 to comply with certain school safety requirements by a
 72 specified date; providing that certain personnel are
 73 subject to specified disciplinary measures for certain
 74 violations; providing reporting requirements for
 75 violations of certain school safety requirements;

76 | amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; requiring specified
 77 | agreements relating to school resource officers to
 78 | identify the entity responsible for maintaining
 79 | specified records; providing requirements before the
 80 | appointment of a school guardian; requiring the
 81 | Department of Education to provide certain information
 82 | to the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring county
 83 | sheriffs and the office to be notified when a safe-
 84 | school officer separates from his or her appointment;
 85 | repealing specified training requirements for safe-
 86 | school officers; amending s. 1012.795, F.S.; providing
 87 | that school administrators are subject to disciplinary
 88 | measures by the Education Practices Commission for
 89 | certain violations; subject to legislative
 90 | appropriation, requiring the Department of Law
 91 | Enforcement to provide grants to sheriffs' offices and
 92 | law enforcement agencies for specified purposes
 93 | relating to school safety in private schools;
 94 | providing requirements for such grants; requiring the
 95 | Department of Law Enforcement to develop a specified
 96 | form and provide such form to grant recipients;
 97 | providing an effective date.

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 99 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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101 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section
 102 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

103 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

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

106 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school
 107 governing boards in complying with, or private schools in
 108 exercising options in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must, at a minimum,
 109 provide access to a Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 110 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or
 111 abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises, as
 112 required under this paragraph. Persons certified as school
 113 guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no authority to act in
 114 any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to
 115 prevent or abate an active assailant incident.

116 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to
 117 implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall
 118 establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to
 119 subparagraph 2., to school district, charter school, or private
 120 school employees, either directly or through a contract with
 121 another sheriff's office that has established a guardian
 122 program.

123 b. A charter school governing board in a school district
 124 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian
 125 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a

126 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school
127 employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter
128 school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has
129 established a guardian program to provide such training. The
130 charter school governing board must notify the superintendent
131 and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract
132 prior to its execution.

133 c. A private school in a school district that has not
134 voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian program may
135 request that the sheriff in the county of the private school
136 establish a guardian program for the purpose of training private
137 school employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the
138 private school may contract with a sheriff from another county
139 who has established a guardian program to provide such training.
140 The private school must notify the sheriff in the private
141 school's county of the contract with a sheriff from another
142 county before its execution. The private school is responsible
143 for all training and screening-related costs for a school
144 guardian program. The sheriff providing such training must
145 ensure that any moneys paid by a private school are not
146 commingled with any funds provided by the state to the sheriff
147 as reimbursement for screening-related and training-related
148 costs of any school district or charter school employee.

149 d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.
150 is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff

151 providing such training shall adhere to the course of
152 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This
153 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing
154 additional training. A school guardian who has completed the
155 training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b. may not be
156 required to attend another sheriff's training program pursuant
157 to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least a 1-year
158 break in his or her appointment ~~employment~~ as a guardian.

159 e. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to
160 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees
161 will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related
162 costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each
163 school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

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

169 g. A person who is certified under the Florida Criminal
170 Justice Standards and Training Commission, who meets the
171 qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who is otherwise
172 qualified for the position of a school guardian may be certified
173 as a school guardian by the sheriff without completing the
174 training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b. However, a person
175 certified as a school guardian under this sub-subparagraph must

176 meet the requirements of sub-subparagraphs 2.c.-e.

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

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

183 b. Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12
184 hours of training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and
185 skills necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on
186 school premises ~~certified nationally recognized diversity~~
187 ~~training~~ and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and
188 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and
189 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

190 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the
191 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law
192 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least
193 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than
194 associated with academy training. Program participants must
195 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

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

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

199 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or
200 assailant scenarios.

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

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

203 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
 204 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
 205 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
 206 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law
 207 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with
 208 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
 209 paragraph.

210 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
 211 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
 212 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

213 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
 214 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
 215 basis.

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 217 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the
 218 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.
 219 shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons ~~individuals~~
 220 who meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of
 221 the sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and
 222 equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,
 223 inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian
 224 certified by the sheriff. A person ~~An individual~~ who is
 225 certified under this paragraph may serve as a school guardian

226 under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or she is appointed by the
227 applicable school district superintendent, charter school
228 principal, or private school head of school.

229 3.a.(I) Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian
230 certificate, the sheriff who issued the certificate must report
231 to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth,
232 and certification date of the school guardian.

233 (II) By September 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a
234 school guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law
235 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of
236 each school guardian who received a certificate from the
237 sheriff.

238 b.(I) By February 1 and September 1 of each school year,
239 each school district, charter school, and private school must
240 report to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of
241 birth, and appointment date of each person appointed as a school
242 guardian. The school district, charter school, and private
243 school must also report to the Department of Law Enforcement the
244 date such person separates from his or her appointment as a
245 school guardian.

246 (II) By September 1, 2024, each school district, charter
247 school, and private school must report to the Department of Law
248 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and appointment date of
249 each person appointed as a school guardian. Within 30 days after
250 a school guardian separates from his or her appointment, the

251 school district, charter school, and private school must report
252 to the Department of Law Enforcement the date such person
253 separated from his or her appointment as a school guardian.

254 c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list
255 of each person appointed as a school guardian in the state. The
256 list must include the name and certification date of each school
257 guardian and the date the person was appointed as a school
258 guardian, including the name of the school district, charter
259 school, or private school in which the school guardian is
260 appointed, any information provided pursuant to s. 1006.12(5),
261 and, if applicable, the date such person separated from his or
262 her appointment as a school guardian. The Department of Law
263 Enforcement shall remove from the list any person whose training
264 has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph 1.d.

265 d. Each sheriff must report on a quarterly basis to the
266 Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming school
267 guardian trainings, including the dates of the training, the
268 training locations, a contact person to register for the
269 training, and the class capacity. The Department of Law
270 Enforcement shall publish on its website a list of the upcoming
271 school guardian trainings. The Department of Law Enforcement
272 must update such list quarterly.

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

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

279 f. A school district, charter school, or private school
 280 that fails to report the information required by this
 281 subparagraph may not operate a school guardian program for the
 282 following school year. Upon the submission of the required
 283 information, the school district, charter school, or private
 284 school is authorized to resume operation of the school guardian
 285 program.

286 g. By March 1 and October 1 of each school year, the
 287 Department of Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of
 288 Education of any sheriff, school district, charter school, or
 289 private school that has not complied with the reporting
 290 requirements of this subparagraph.

291 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 330.41, Florida
 292 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and a new subsection
 293 (5) is added to that section to read:

294 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

295 (5) PROTECTION OF SCHOOLS.—

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

297 1. Operate a drone over a public or private school serving
 298 students in any grade from voluntary prekindergarten through
 299 grade 12; or

300 2. Allow a drone to make contact with a school, including

301 any person or object on the premises of or within the school
 302 facility.

303 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a
 304 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
 305 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or
 306 subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
 307 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

308 (c) A person who violates paragraph (a) and records video
 309 of the school, including any person or object on the premises of
 310 or within the school facility, commits a misdemeanor of the
 311 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
 312 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation
 313 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
 314 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

317 1. A person acting under the prior written consent of the
 318 school principal, district school board, superintendent, or
 319 school governing board.

320 2. A law enforcement agency that is in compliance with s.
 321 934.50 or a person under contract with or otherwise acting under
 322 the direction of such law enforcement agency.

323 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
 324 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

325 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

326 (4)
 327 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the
 328 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on
 329 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,
 330 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile
 331 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on
 332 all computer devices issued to students. Each school principal
 333 must integrate the use of the mobile suspicious activity
 334 reporting tool within the school's curriculum a minimum of once
 335 per academic year. The instruction must be age and
 336 developmentally appropriate and include the consequences for
 337 making a threat or false report, as described in ss. 790.162 and
 338 790.163, respectively, involving school or school personnel's
 339 property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

340 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 341 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

342 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.—

343 (4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
 344 section, when a child of any age is taken into custody by a law
 345 enforcement officer for an offense that would have been a felony
 346 if committed by an adult, or a crime of violence, the law
 347 enforcement agency must notify the superintendent of schools
 348 that the child is alleged to have committed the delinquent act.
 349 If the child is a dual enrolled student at a postsecondary
 350 institution, the superintendent of schools must notify the chief

351 of police or the public safety director of the postsecondary
352 institution at which the student is dual enrolled within 24
353 hours after receiving such notification.

354 Section 5. Subsection (14) of section 1001.212, Florida
355 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (17) and (18) are added to
356 that section, to read:

357 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
358 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
359 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
360 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
361 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
362 regarding school safety and security, including prevention
363 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
364 planning. The office shall:

365 (14) (a) By August 1, 2024, develop and adopt a Florida
366 school safety compliance inspection report to document
367 compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements
368 mandated by law or rule and adherence to established school
369 safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and
370 emergency response of the school. Upon the adoption of the
371 report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall
372 provide a blank copy of the report to each district school
373 superintendent and charter school administrator.

374 (b) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to
375 school safety by school districts and public schools, including

376 | charter schools. The office shall conduct unannounced
377 | inspections of all public schools, including charter schools,
378 | while school is in session, triennially and investigate reports
379 | of noncompliance with school safety requirements. Within 3
380 | school days after the unannounced inspection, the office shall
381 | provide a copy of the completed Florida school safety compliance
382 | inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence
383 | of noncompliance, to the school safety specialist and the school
384 | principal or charter school administrator, as appropriate. The
385 | school principal or charter school administrator shall
386 | acknowledge receipt of the report in writing within 1 school day
387 | after receipt. The school safety specialist shall inform the
388 | district school superintendent of any schools in the district,
389 | including charter schools, with documented noncompliance. The
390 | office shall reinspect any school with documented deficiencies
391 | within 6 months. The school principal or charter school
392 | administrator, or his or her designee, must provide the office
393 | with written notice of how the noncompliance with s.
394 | 1006.07(6)(f) has been remediated within 3 school days after
395 | receipt of the report.

396 | (c) Provide quarterly reports to each district school
397 | superintendent and school safety specialist identifying the
398 | number and percentage of schools, including charter schools,
399 | inspected or reinspected during that quarter and the number and
400 | percentage of inspected schools that had no school safety

401 requirement deficiencies. The school safety specialist shall
402 present each quarterly report to the district school board in a
403 public meeting. Annually, during the first quarter of every
404 school year, the school safety specialist shall report to the
405 district school board in a public meeting the number of schools
406 inspected during the preceding calendar year and the number and
407 percentage of schools in compliance during the initial
408 inspection and reinspection.

409 (d) Provide a bonus in an amount determined in the General
410 Appropriations Act, at the conclusion of the initial unannounced
411 inspection conducted during the triennial period, to the school
412 principal or charter school administrator of each school that
413 complies with all school safety requirements.

414 (e)1. Refer any instructional personnel as defined in s.
415 1012.01(2) who knowingly violate s. 1006.07(6)(f) to the
416 district school superintendent or charter school administrator,
417 as applicable, for disciplinary action if such action has not
418 already been commenced by the district school superintendent or
419 charter school administrator upon receipt of the Florida school
420 safety compliance inspection report. The district school
421 superintendent or charter school administrator must notify the
422 office of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings within 3
423 school days after the conclusion of the proceedings.

424 2. Refer any administrative personnel as defined in s.
425 1012.01(3) who knowingly permitted a violation of s.

426 1006.07(6)(f) to the department pursuant to s. 1012.796.

427 3. Maintain a record of any administrative personnel or
428 instructional personnel who unknowingly violated s.
429 1006.07(6)(f), and may use such information when making any
430 subsequent determinations of an alleged violation by the same
431 person.

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

435 (18) By December 1, 2024, recommend a methodology to
436 distribute the safe schools allocation under s. 1011.62(12)
437 based upon the number and severity of incidents reported
438 pursuant to s. 1006.07(9) and each school district's
439 proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time
440 equivalent student enrollment ~~report incidents of noncompliance~~
441 ~~to the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and the state~~
442 ~~board pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of law, as~~
443 ~~appropriate.~~

444 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and paragraph
445 (a) of subsection (6) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are
446 amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of that
447 section, to read:

448 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
449 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
450 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the

451 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
 452 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
 453 welfare of students, including:

454 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

455 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in
 456 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for
 457 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not
 458 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active assailant and
 459 hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and
 460 faculty at all public schools of the district composed of grades
 461 K-12, pursuant to State Board of Education rules. Drills for
 462 active assailant and hostage situations must be conducted in
 463 accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate
 464 procedures, as specified in State Board of Education rules. Law
 465 enforcement officers responsible for responding to the school in
 466 the event of an active assailant emergency, as determined
 467 necessary by the sheriff in coordination with the district's
 468 school safety specialist, must be physically present on campus
 469 and directly involved in the execution of active assailant
 470 emergency drills. School districts must notify law enforcement
 471 officers at least 24 hours before conducting an active assailant
 472 emergency drill at which such law enforcement officers are
 473 expected to attend. Each school, including charter schools, must
 474 maintain a record that is accessible on each campus or by
 475 request of the Office of Safe Schools of all current school year

476 and prior school year drills conducted pursuant to this
477 subsection, including the names of law enforcement personnel
478 present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.
479 District school board policies must include commonly used alarm
480 system responses for specific types of emergencies and
481 verification by each school that drills have been provided as
482 required by law, State Board of Education rules, and fire
483 protection codes and may provide accommodations for drills
484 conducted by exceptional student education centers. District
485 school boards shall establish emergency response and emergency
486 preparedness policies and procedures that include, but are not
487 limited to, identifying the individuals responsible for
488 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the
489 emergency response agency responsible for notifying the school
490 district for each type of emergency. The State Board of
491 Education shall refer to recommendations provided in reports
492 published pursuant to s. 943.687 for guidance and, by August 1,
493 2023, consult with state and local constituencies to adopt rules
494 applicable to the requirements of this subsection which, at a
495 minimum, define the terms "emergency drill," "active threat,"
496 and "after-action report" and establish minimum emergency drill
497 policies and procedures related to the timing, frequency,
498 participation, training, notification, accommodations, and
499 responses to threat situations by incident type, school level,
500 school type, and student and school characteristics. The rules

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

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

508 (a) School safety specialist.—Each district school
 509 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for
 510 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school
 511 administrator employed by the school district or a law
 512 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in
 513 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated
 514 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved
 515 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school
 516 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains
 517 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,
 518 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized
 519 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's
 520 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine
 521 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the
 522 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer
 523 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must
 524 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist
 525 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year

526 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and
527 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,
528 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school
529 safety specialist shall:

530 1. In conjunction with the district school superintendent,
531 annually review school district policies and procedures for
532 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's
533 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety
534 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).
535 At least quarterly, the school safety specialist must report to
536 the district school superintendent and the district school board
537 any noncompliance by the school district with laws or rules
538 regarding school safety.

539 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to
540 students and school district staff in matters relating to youth
541 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures,
542 including active shooter training; and school safety and
543 security.

544 3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public
545 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and
546 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

547 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety
548 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of
549 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each
550 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool

551 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
552 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's
553 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the
554 district school superintendent and the district school board
555 which identify strategies and activities that the district
556 school board should implement in order to address the findings
557 and improve school safety and security. Each district school
558 board must receive such findings and the school safety
559 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district
560 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to
561 hear the district school board members discuss and take action
562 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety
563 specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall
564 report such findings and school board action to the Office of
565 Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board
566 meeting.

567 5. Conduct annual unannounced inspections of all public
568 schools while school is in session and investigate reports of
569 noncompliance with school safety requirements.

570 6. Report violations of paragraph (f) by administrative
571 personnel and instructional personnel to the district school
572 superintendent or charter school administrator, as applicable,
573 and the Office of Safe Schools.

574 (f) School safety requirements.-

575 1. By August 1, 2024, each school district and charter

576 school governing board shall comply with the following school
577 safety requirements:

578 a. All gates or other access points that restrict ingress
579 to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked
580 when students are on campus. A gate or other campus access point
581 may not be open or unlocked, unless attended or actively staffed
582 by a person when students are on campus, regardless of whether
583 it is during normal school hours, or the school safety
584 specialist has determined in writing and notified the Office of
585 Safe Schools that the open and unlocked gate or other access
586 point is not a threat to school safety based upon other school
587 safety measures. The office may conduct a compliance visit
588 pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is
589 appropriate.

590 b. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
591 must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students,
592 except between class periods when students are moving between
593 classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or
594 other instructional space door must be left unlocked or open for
595 any reason other than between class periods when students are
596 moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the
597 door must be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at
598 the door.

599 c. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points
600 that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall

601 remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless
602 a person is actively entering or exiting the door, gate, or
603 other access point or the school safety specialist has
604 determined in writing and notified the Office of Safe Schools
605 that the open and unlocked door, gate, or other access point is
606 not a threat to school safety based upon other school safety
607 measures. The office may conduct a compliance visit pursuant to
608 s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is appropriate.
609 All campus access doors, gates, and other access points may be
610 electronically or manually controlled by school personnel to
611 allow access by authorized visitors, students, and school
612 personnel.

613 d. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
614 must clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each
615 classroom or other instructional space where students must
616 shelter in place during an emergency. Students must be notified
617 of these safe areas within the first 5 days of the school year.
618 If it is not feasible to clearly and conspicuously mark the
619 safest areas in a classroom or other instructional space, the
620 school safety specialist or his or her designee must document
621 such determination in writing, identify where affected students
622 must shelter in place, and notify the Office of Safe Schools.
623 The office shall assist the school safety specialist with
624 compliance during the inspection required under s. 1001.212(14).

625 2. Administrative personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(3)

626 who knowingly violate the requirements of this paragraph are
627 subject to disciplinary measures under ss. 1012.795 and
628 1012.796.

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630 Persons who are aware of a violation of this paragraph must
631 report the violation to the school principal. The school
632 principal must report the violation to the school safety
633 specialist no later than the next business day after receiving
634 such report. If the person who violated this paragraph is the
635 school principal or charter school administrator, the report
636 must be made directly to the district school superintendent or
637 charter school governing board, as applicable.

638 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections
639 (3), (5), and (6) of section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, are
640 amended to read:

641 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
642 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
643 students, and visitors, each district school board and school
644 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
645 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
646 safe-school officers at each school facility within the
647 district, including charter schools. A district school board
648 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
649 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
650 options available under this section. The school district may

651 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)-(4)
 652 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter
 653 schools.

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

657 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district
 658 school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate
 659 activities through the school principal, but shall be
 660 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters
 661 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district
 662 school board and a law enforcement agency. The agreements shall
 663 identify the entity responsible for maintaining records relating
 664 to training. Activities conducted by the school resource officer
 665 which are part of the regular instructional program of the
 666 school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

667 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

668 (a) At the school district's or the charter school
 669 governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.
 670 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may
 671 participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 672 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of
 673 establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals
 674 may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned
 675 activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory

676 completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and
677 certification by a sheriff:

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

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

685 (b) Before appointing an individual as a school guardian,
686 the school district or charter school shall contact the
687 Department of Law Enforcement and review all information
688 maintained under s. 30.15(1)(k)3.c. related to the individual.

689 (c) The department shall provide to the Department of Law
690 Enforcement any information relating to a school guardian
691 received pursuant to subsection (5).

692 (5) NOTIFICATION.—The district school superintendent or
693 charter school administrator, or a respective designee, shall
694 notify the county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools
695 immediately after, but no later than 72 hours after:

696 (a) A safe-school officer is dismissed for misconduct or
697 is otherwise disciplined.

698 (b) A safe-school officer discharges his or her firearm in
699 the exercise of the safe-school officer's duties, other than for
700 training purposes.

701 (c) A safe-school officer separates from his or her
 702 appointment.

703 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—

704 ~~(a)~~ Each safe-school officer who is also a sworn law
 705 enforcement officer shall complete mental health crisis
 706 intervention training using a curriculum developed by a national
 707 organization with expertise in mental health crisis
 708 intervention. The training must improve the officer's knowledge
 709 and skills as a first responder to incidents involving students
 710 with emotional disturbance or mental illness, including de-
 711 escalation skills to ensure student and officer safety.

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

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 717 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
 718 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
 719 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school
 720 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety
 721 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the
 722 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource
 723 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school
 724 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.
 725 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

726 Section 8. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (1) of
 727 section 1012.795, Florida Statutes, to read:

728 1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to
 729 discipline.—

730 (1) The Education Practices Commission may suspend the
 731 educator certificate of any instructional personnel or school
 732 administrator, as defined in s. 1012.01(2) or (3), for up to 5
 733 years, thereby denying that person the right to teach or
 734 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public
 735 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students
 736 for that period of time, after which the person may return to
 737 teaching as provided in subsection (4); may revoke the educator
 738 certificate of any person, thereby denying that person the right
 739 to teach or otherwise be employed by a district school board or
 740 public school in any capacity requiring direct contact with
 741 students for up to 10 years, with reinstatement subject to
 742 subsection (4); may permanently revoke the educator certificate
 743 of any person thereby denying that person the right to teach or
 744 otherwise be employed by a district school board or public
 745 school in any capacity requiring direct contact with students;
 746 may suspend a person's educator certificate, upon an order of
 747 the court or notice by the Department of Revenue relating to the
 748 payment of child support; may direct the department to place a
 749 certificateholder employed by a public school, charter school,
 750 charter school governing board, or private school that

751 participates in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002
752 on the disqualification list maintained by the department
753 pursuant to s. 1001.10(4)(b) for misconduct that would render
754 the person ineligible pursuant to s. 1012.315 or sexual
755 misconduct with a student; or may impose any other penalty
756 provided by law, if the person:

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

759 Section 9. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year and subject to
760 legislative appropriation, the Department of Law Enforcement
761 shall provide grants to sheriffs' offices and law enforcement
762 agencies to conduct physical site security assessments for and
763 provide reports to private schools with recommendations on
764 improving such schools' infrastructure safety and security; to
765 assist private schools in developing active assailant response
766 protocols and develop and implement training relating to active
767 assailant responses, including active assailant response drills
768 for students and school personnel; and to consult with or
769 provide guidance to private schools in implementing a threat
770 management program similar to the program required under s.
771 1001.212(12), Florida Statutes, for public schools. The
772 Department of Law Enforcement shall develop a site security
773 assessment form for use by sheriffs' offices and law enforcement
774 agencies and provide the form, including any subsequent
775 revisions, to the recipient of funds in conducting the duties

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776 outlined in this section. Grants awarded under this section may
777 be used for personnel costs and to purchase software and other
778 items necessary to assist private schools. The Department of Law
779 Enforcement shall establish the requirements for awarding grants
780 under this section through an open, competitive process. Grants
781 must be awarded no later than October 1, 2024.

782 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.