

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; prohibiting specified funds
7 from being used to subsidize certain costs;
8 authorizing certain persons to be certified as school
9 guardians without completing certain training
10 requirements; revising specified training requirements
11 for school guardians; requiring school districts,
12 charter schools, private schools, and sheriffs to
13 report specified information relating to school
14 guardians and school guardian programs to the
15 Department of Law Enforcement within specified
16 timeframes; requiring the Department of Law
17 Enforcement to maintain a list of school guardians and
18 school guardian trainings; providing for the removal
19 of specified persons from such list; providing
20 requirements for such list; prohibiting sheriffs who
21 fail to report specified information from receiving
22 certain reimbursement; prohibiting school districts,
23 charter schools, and private schools that fail to
24 report specified information from operating school
25 guardian programs for the following school year,

26 | unless the school district, charter school, or private
27 | school has submitted the required information;
28 | requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to report
29 | certain information to the Department of Education by
30 | specified dates of each school year; authorizing the
31 | Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending
32 | 330.41, F.S.; prohibiting the operation of a drone
33 | over public and private schools and the recording of
34 | video of such schools; providing criminal penalties;
35 | providing exemptions; amending s. 943.082, F.S.;
36 | requiring district school boards and charter school
37 | governing boards to ensure specified instruction
38 | relating to the mobile suspicious activity reporting
39 | tool be provided to students within a specified
40 | timeframe; providing requirements for such
41 | instruction; amending s. 985.04, F.S.; requiring the
42 | superintendent of schools, or his or her designee, to
43 | notify specified chiefs of police or public safety
44 | directors of certain postsecondary institutions of
45 | specified alleged acts by children dual enrolled at
46 | such institutions within a specified timeframe;
47 | amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the Office of
48 | Safe Schools to develop and adopt a specified report
49 | relating to compliance and noncompliance with school
50 | safety requirements by a specified date; requiring the

51 office to provide such report to specified persons;
52 requiring the office to conduct specified inspections
53 triennially and investigate certain noncompliance;
54 providing requirements for the provision of specified
55 information from such inspections and investigations;
56 requiring the office to provide certain quarterly
57 reports to specified persons; requiring the office to
58 provide bonuses to certain persons who comply with
59 specified requirements; requiring the office to refer
60 certain personnel to specified persons; requiring the
61 office to notify specified personnel electronically of
62 certain requirements; requiring the office to evaluate
63 the methodology for the safe schools allocation and,
64 if necessary, recommend an alternative methodology for
65 specified purposes by a specified date; amending s.
66 1006.07, F.S.; requiring schools, including charter
67 schools, to maintain a specified record relating to
68 certain drills; providing that school safety
69 specialist duties may be completed by his or her
70 designee; providing that certain school safety
71 specialist duties are in conjunction with the district
72 school superintendent; requiring school safety
73 specialists to conduct specified annual inspections,
74 investigate specified reports of noncompliance, and
75 report certain noncompliance and violations to

76 | specified individuals and the district school board;
77 | requiring school districts and charter school
78 | governing boards to comply with certain school safety
79 | requirements by a specified date; providing reporting
80 | requirements for violations of certain school safety
81 | requirements; requiring district school boards and
82 | charter school governing boards to adopt a progressive
83 | discipline policy for specified personnel who commit
84 | specified violations; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.;
85 | requiring specified agreements relating to school
86 | resource officers to identify the entity responsible
87 | for maintaining specified records; providing
88 | requirements before the appointment of a school
89 | guardian; requiring the Department of Education to
90 | provide certain information to the Department of Law
91 | Enforcement; repealing specified training requirements
92 | for safe-school officers; subject to legislative
93 | appropriation, requiring the Department of Law
94 | Enforcement to provide grants to sheriffs' offices and
95 | law enforcement agencies for specified purposes
96 | relating to school safety in private schools;
97 | providing requirements for such grants; requiring the
98 | Department of Law Enforcement to develop a specified
99 | form and provide such form to grant recipients;
100 | providing requirements for the use of such funds;

101 providing a limit on the amount of funds an applicant
 102 may receive; providing an effective date.

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

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106 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section
 107 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

108 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

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

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

121 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to
 122 implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall
 123 establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to
 124 subparagraph 2., to school district, charter school, or private
 125 school employees, either directly or through a contract with

126 another sheriff's office that has established a guardian
127 program.

128 b. A charter school governing board in a school district
129 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian
130 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a
131 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school
132 employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter
133 school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has
134 established a guardian program to provide such training. The
135 charter school governing board must notify the superintendent
136 and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract
137 prior to its execution.

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

151 commingled with any funds provided by the state to the sheriff
152 as reimbursement for screening-related and training-related
153 costs of any school district or charter school employee.

154 d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.
155 is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff
156 providing such training shall adhere to the course of
157 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This
158 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing
159 additional training. A school guardian who has completed the
160 training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b. may not be
161 required to attend another sheriff's training program pursuant
162 to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least a 1-year
163 break in his or her appointment ~~employment~~ as a guardian.

164 e. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to
165 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees
166 will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related
167 costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each
168 school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

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

174 g. A person who is certified and in good standing under
175 the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission,

176 who meets the qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who
177 is otherwise qualified for the position of a school guardian may
178 be certified as a school guardian by the sheriff without
179 completing the training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b.
180 However, a person certified as a school guardian under this sub-
181 subparagraph must meet the requirements of sub-subparagraphs
182 2.c.-e.

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

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

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

196 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the
197 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law
198 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least
199 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than
200 associated with academy training. Program participants must

201 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.
202 (II) Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.
203 (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction
204 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.
205 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or
206 assailant scenarios.
207 (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.
208 (VI) Four hours of instruction in legal issues.
209 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
210 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
211 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
212 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law
213 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with
214 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
215 paragraph.
216 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
217 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
218 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.
219 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
220 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
221 basis.
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223 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the
224 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.
225 shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons ~~individuals~~

226 | who meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of
227 | the sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and
228 | equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,
229 | inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian
230 | certified by the sheriff. A person ~~An individual~~ who is
231 | certified under this paragraph may serve as a school guardian
232 | under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or she is appointed by the
233 | applicable school district superintendent, charter school
234 | principal, or private school head of school.

235 | 3.a.(I) Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian
236 | certificate, the sheriff who issued the certificate must report
237 | to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth,
238 | and certification date of the school guardian.

239 | (II) By September 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a
240 | school guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law
241 | Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of
242 | each school guardian who received a certificate from the
243 | sheriff.

244 | b.(I) By February 1 and September 1 of each school year,
245 | each school district, charter school, and private school must
246 | report to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of
247 | birth, and appointment date of each person appointed as a school
248 | guardian. The school district, charter school, and private
249 | school must also report to the Department of Law Enforcement the
250 | date each school guardian separates from his or her appointment

251 as a school guardian.

252 (II) By September 1, 2024, each school district, charter
253 school, and private school must report to the Department of Law
254 Enforcement the name, date of birth, and initial and end-of-
255 appointment dates, as applicable, of each person appointed as a
256 school guardian.

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

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

276 e. A sheriff who fails to report the information required
277 by this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement from the
278 Department of Education for school guardian trainings. Upon the
279 submission of the required information, a sheriff is deemed
280 eligible for such funding and is authorized to continue to
281 receive reimbursement for school guardian training.

282 f. A school district, charter school, or private school
283 that fails to report the information required by this
284 subparagraph may not operate a school guardian program for the
285 following school year, unless the school district, charter
286 school, or private school has submitted the required
287 information.

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

293 h. The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt rules to
294 implement the requirements of this subparagraph, including
295 requiring additional reporting information only as necessary to
296 uniquely identify each school guardian reported.

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

300 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

301 (5) PROTECTION OF SCHOOLS.—

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

303 1. Operate a drone over a public or private school serving
304 students in any grade from voluntary prekindergarten through
305 grade 12; or

306 2. Allow a drone to make contact with a school, including
307 any person or object on the premises of or within the school
308 facility.

309 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a
310 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
311 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or
312 subsequent violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
313 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

314 (c) A person who violates paragraph (a) and records video
315 of the school, including any person or object on the premises of
316 or within the school facility, commits a misdemeanor of the
317 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
318 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation
319 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
320 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

323 1. A person acting under the prior written consent of the
324 school principal, district school board, superintendent, or
325 school governing board.

326 2. A law enforcement agency that is in compliance with s.
327 934.50 or a person under contract with or otherwise acting under
328 the direction of such law enforcement agency.

329 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
330 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

332 (4)

333 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the
334 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on
335 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,
336 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile
337 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on
338 all computer devices issued to students. Within the first 5 days
339 of each school year, each district school board and charter
340 school governing board must ensure that instruction on the use
341 of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as
342 FortifyFL is provided to students. The instruction must be age
343 and developmentally appropriate and include the consequences for
344 making a threat or false report as described in ss. 790.162 and
345 790.163, respectively, involving school or school personnel's
346 property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

347 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
348 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

349 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.—

350 (4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this

351 section, when a child of any age is taken into custody by a law
352 enforcement officer for an offense that would have been a felony
353 if committed by an adult, or a crime of violence, the law
354 enforcement agency must notify the superintendent of schools
355 that the child is alleged to have committed the delinquent act.
356 If the child is a dual enrolled student at a postsecondary
357 institution, the superintendent of schools, or his or her
358 designee, must notify the chief of police or the public safety
359 director of the postsecondary institution at which the student
360 is dual enrolled within 1 business day after receiving the
361 initial notification.

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

365 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
366 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
367 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
368 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
369 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
370 regarding school safety and security, including prevention
371 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
372 planning. The office shall:

373 (14) (a) By August 1, 2024, develop and adopt a Florida
374 school safety compliance inspection report to document
375 compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements

376 mandated by law or rule and adherence to established school
377 safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and
378 emergency response of the school. Upon the adoption of the
379 report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall
380 provide a blank copy of the report to each district school
381 superintendent and charter school administrator.

382 (b) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to
383 school safety by school districts and public schools, including
384 charter schools. The office shall conduct unannounced
385 inspections of all public schools, including charter schools,
386 while school is in session, triennially and investigate reports
387 of noncompliance with school safety requirements. Within 3
388 school days after the unannounced inspection, the office shall
389 provide a copy of the completed Florida school safety compliance
390 inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence
391 of noncompliance, to the school safety specialist, the school
392 principal or charter school administrator, as appropriate, and
393 the district school superintendent. The school safety specialist
394 or charter school administrator shall acknowledge receipt of the
395 report in writing within 1 school day after receipt. The office
396 shall reinspect any school with documented deficiencies within 6
397 months. The school safety specialist or charter school
398 administrator, or his or her designee, must provide the office
399 with written notice of how the noncompliance with s.
400 1006.07(6)(f) has been remediated within 3 school days after

401 receipt of the report.

402 (c) Provide quarterly reports to each district school
403 superintendent and school safety specialist identifying the
404 number and percentage of schools, including charter schools,
405 inspected or reinspected during that quarter and the number and
406 percentage of inspected schools that had no school safety
407 requirement deficiencies. The school safety specialist shall
408 present each quarterly report to the district school board in a
409 public meeting. Annually, during the first quarter of every
410 school year, the school safety specialist shall report to the
411 district school board in a public meeting the number of schools
412 inspected during the preceding calendar year and the number and
413 percentage of schools in compliance during the initial
414 inspection and reinspection.

415 (d) Provide a bonus in an amount determined in the General
416 Appropriations Act, at the conclusion of the initial unannounced
417 inspection conducted during the triennial period, to the school
418 principal or charter school administrator of each school that
419 complies with all school safety requirements.

420 (e) Refer any instructional personnel as defined in s.
421 1012.01(2) and any administrative personnel as defined in s.
422 1012.01(3) who knowingly violate s. 1006.07(6)(f) to the
423 district school superintendent or charter school administrator,
424 as applicable, for disciplinary action if such action has not
425 already been commenced by the district school superintendent or

426 charter school administrator upon receipt of the Florida school
427 safety compliance inspection report. The district school
428 superintendent or charter school administrator must notify the
429 office of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings within 3
430 school days after the conclusion of the proceedings.

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

434 (18) By December 1, 2024, evaluate the methodology for the
435 safe schools allocation in s. 1011.62(12) and, if necessary,
436 make recommendations for an alternate methodology to distribute
437 the remaining balance of the safe schools allocation as
438 indicated in s. 1011.62(12) ~~report incidents of noncompliance to~~
439 ~~the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and the state board~~
440 ~~pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of law, as~~
441 appropriate.

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

446 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
447 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
448 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
449 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
450 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the

451 welfare of students, including:

452 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

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

476 present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.
477 District school board policies must include commonly used alarm
478 system responses for specific types of emergencies and
479 verification by each school that drills have been provided as
480 required by law, State Board of Education rules, and fire
481 protection codes and may provide accommodations for drills
482 conducted by exceptional student education centers. District
483 school boards shall establish emergency response and emergency
484 preparedness policies and procedures that include, but are not
485 limited to, identifying the individuals responsible for
486 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the
487 emergency response agency responsible for notifying the school
488 district for each type of emergency. The State Board of
489 Education shall refer to recommendations provided in reports
490 published pursuant to s. 943.687 for guidance and, by August 1,
491 2023, consult with state and local constituencies to adopt rules
492 applicable to the requirements of this subsection which, at a
493 minimum, define the terms "emergency drill," "active threat,"
494 and "after-action report" and establish minimum emergency drill
495 policies and procedures related to the timing, frequency,
496 participation, training, notification, accommodations, and
497 responses to threat situations by incident type, school level,
498 school type, and student and school characteristics. The rules
499 must require all types of emergency drills to be conducted no
500 less frequently than on an annual school year basis.

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

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

526 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school
527 safety specialist, or his or her designee, shall:

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

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

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

545 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety
546 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of
547 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each
548 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
549 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
550 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's

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

565 5. Conduct annual unannounced inspections, using the form
 566 adopted by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
 567 1001.212(14), of all public schools, including charter schools,
 568 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 (f) School safety requirements.-

574 1. By August 1, 2024, each school district and charter
 575 school governing board shall comply with the following school

576 safety requirements:

577 a. All gates or other access points that restrict ingress
578 to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked
579 when students are on campus. A gate or other campus access point
580 may not be open or unlocked, regardless of whether it is during
581 normal school hours, unless:

582 (I) Attended or actively staffed by a person when students
583 are on campus;

584 (II) The use is in accordance with a shared use agreement
585 pursuant to s. 1013.101; or

586 (III) The school safety specialist, or his or her
587 designee, has documented in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment
588 Tool portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools that the
589 gate or other access point is not subject to this requirement
590 based upon other safety measures at the school. The office may
591 conduct a compliance visit pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review
592 if such determination is appropriate.

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

601 the door.

602 c. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points
603 that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall
604 remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless
605 a person is actively entering or exiting the door, gate, or
606 other access point or the school safety specialist, or his or
607 her designee, has documented in the Florida Safe Schools
608 Assessment Tool portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools
609 that the open and unlocked door, gate, or other access point is
610 not subject to this requirement based upon other safety measures
611 at the school. The office may conduct a compliance visit
612 pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is
613 appropriate. All campus access doors, gates, and other access
614 points may be electronically or manually controlled by school
615 personnel to allow access by authorized visitors, students, and
616 school personnel.

617 d. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
618 must clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each
619 classroom or other instructional space where students must
620 shelter in place during an emergency. Students must be notified
621 of these safe areas within the first 10 days of the school year.
622 If it is not feasible to clearly and conspicuously mark the
623 safest areas in a classroom or other instructional space, the
624 school safety specialist, or his or her designee, must document
625 such determination in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool

626 portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools, identifying
627 where affected students must shelter in place. The office shall
628 assist the school safety specialist with compliance during the
629 inspection required under s. 1001.212(14).

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

639 (g) Progressive discipline policy.—Each district school
640 board and charter school governing board shall adopt a
641 progressive discipline policy for addressing any instructional
642 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2) and any administrative
643 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(3) who knowingly violate
644 school safety requirements.

645 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections
646 (3) and (6) of section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to
647 read:

648 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
649 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
650 students, and visitors, each district school board and school

651 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
652 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
653 safe-school officers at each school facility within the
654 district, including charter schools. A district school board
655 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
656 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
657 options available under this section. The school district may
658 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)-(4)
659 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter
660 schools.

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

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

674 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

675 (a) At the school district's or the charter school

676 governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.
 677 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may
 678 participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 679 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of
 680 establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals
 681 may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned
 682 activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory
 683 completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and
 684 certification by a sheriff:

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

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

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

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

699 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—

700 ~~(a)~~ Each safe-school officer who is also a sworn law

701 enforcement officer shall complete mental health crisis
702 intervention training using a curriculum developed by a national
703 organization with expertise in mental health crisis
704 intervention. The training must improve the officer's knowledge
705 and skills as a first responder to incidents involving students
706 with emotional disturbance or mental illness, including de-
707 escalation skills to ensure student and officer safety.

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

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

722 Section 8. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year and subject to
723 legislative appropriation, the Department of Law Enforcement
724 shall provide grants to sheriffs' offices and law enforcement
725 agencies to conduct physical site security assessments for and

726 provide reports to private schools with recommendations on
727 improving such schools' infrastructure safety and security; to
728 assist private schools in developing active assailant response
729 protocols and develop and implement training relating to active
730 assailant responses, including active assailant response drills
731 for students and school personnel; and to consult with or
732 provide guidance to private schools in implementing a threat
733 management program similar to the program required under s.
734 1001.212(12), Florida Statutes, for public schools. The
735 Department of Law Enforcement shall develop a site security
736 assessment form for use by sheriffs' offices and law enforcement
737 agencies and provide the form, including any subsequent
738 revisions, to the recipient of funds in conducting the duties
739 outlined in this section. Grants awarded under this section may
740 be used to provide reimbursements for personnel costs, software,
741 and other items necessary to assist private schools. The
742 Department of Law Enforcement shall establish the requirements
743 for awarding grants under this section. An applicant may not
744 receive more than 10 percent of the total amount appropriated
745 for the program.

746 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.