HB 1117 2025

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to notification of anti-harassment 3 policies and supportive measures; creating s. 1000.09, 4 F.S.; providing definitions; requiring schools to 5 establish anti-harassment policies and supportive 6 measures; providing requirements for the policies and 7 measures; requiring schools to notify specified 8 persons of the policies and measures; providing 9 requirements for the notifications; requiring the 10 policies and measures to be published in specified places and on certain websites; providing requirements 11 12 for the notification of students under the age of 18; 13 providing an effective date. 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 17 Section 1.

Section 1000.09, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1000.09 Notification of anti-harassment policies and supportive measures.-

- (1) For purposes of this section, the term:
- "Anti-harassment policies" means any policy, (a) procedure, or rule regarding sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking that occur on school premises, on school transportation, or at a school-

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sponsored, off-campus event.

- (b) "Child advocacy center" means a center that coordinates the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases by using multidisciplinary teams of professionals involved in child protective and victim advocacy services, law enforcement, and prosecution, and physical and mental health.
- (c) "Frequently encountered language" means a language that is the primary language spoken by:
- 1. At least 5 percent of the overall student and employee population of the school;
- 2. At least 5 percent of the population in the county in which the school is located; or
- 3. At least 1,000 people in the county in which the school is located.
- (d) "School" means a public K-12 school, public
  postsecondary educational institution, or a private K-12 school,
  college, or university.
- (e) "Sexual assault service provider" means an agency that provides victim advocacy and support services to survivors of sexual violence.
- (f) "Supportive measures" means individualized measures
  related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence,
  dating violence, and stalking that are nondisciplinary or
  nonpunitive measures that are offered to a student, a member of

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the school staff, or a school volunteer to protect the safety of all parties, provide reasonable accommodations, and support educational success.

(2) (a) A school's anti-harassment policies must:

- 1. Include options for a student to report an incident of sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- 2. Include the rights of victims and offenders under the law during any investigation or disciplinary proceedings conducted by the school.
- 3. Include the process the school will use for the investigation and disciplinary proceedings, including any rights to an appeal.
- 4. Confirm, after a report has been made to the school, whether the school has an affirmative duty to report to law enforcement.
- 5. Be published and posted on the school's campus in a color, size, and font that allow the anti-harassment policies and supportive measures to be easily read.
- 6. Be available in frequently encountered languages to ensure timely and meaningful access for students, parents, school staff, and school volunteers with limited English proficiency. Processes should be in place for access to the material in less frequently encountered languages through oral interpretation upon request.

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(b) A school's supportive measures must:

1. Include all of the following:

- a. The name, title, email address, physical address, and phone number of the person designated to receive reports of violations of the anti-harassment policies and provide information regarding anti-harassment policies and supportive measures.
- b. The name, telephone number, and website address for a local, state, or national hotline providing information to victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- c. The name, telephone number, and website address of the nearest Child Advocacy Center and Sexual Assault Service

  Provider.
- 2. Be published and posted on the school's campus in a color, size and font that allow the supportive measures to be easily read.
- 3. Be available in frequently encountered languages to ensure timely and meaningful access for students, parents, school staff, and school volunteers with limited English proficiency. Processes should be in place for access to the material in less frequently encountered languages through oral interpretation upon request.
- (c) A school's supportive measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

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1. Counseling, health care, and mental health care.

2. Victim advocacy and legal assistance.

- 3. Extensions of deadlines or other class-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, and campus safety escort services.
- 4. Mutual restrictions on contact between relevant parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the school, and other similar measures.
- (3) Each school shall notify every student, parent, school staff, and school volunteer of the school's anti-harassment policies and supportive measures by:
- (a) Including the school's anti-harassment policies and supportive measures in any student, parent, school staff or school volunteer handbook or catalog, or similar publication listing rights, responsibilities, or standards of conduct.
- (b) Providing the anti-harassment policies and supportive measures directly to the student, parent, school staff, or school volunteer through the mode of communication the student, parent, school staff, or school volunteer has elected to receive communications from the school.
- 1. For students and parents, provide the anti-harassment policies and supportive measures at the time of enrollment or registration, and each school year thereafter within 30 days of the first day of school.

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2.	For	school	staff	or	sch	ool	volu	ınte	ers,	pro	vide	the	
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- (c) Placing a physical copy of the anti-harassment policies and supportive measures in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to and widely used by students and in a location that is readily accessible to parents, school staff, and school volunteers.
- (d) Posting the anti-harassment policies and supportive measures in a prominent location on the school's website that is accessible from the homepage by use of not more than three clicks. The school shall also provide a copy of the policies to the governing body of the school to be posted on the governing body's website, in a prominent location, that is accessible from the school's homepage by use of not more than three clicks.
- (4) To provide notice to a student under 18 years of age, the school shall provide the notice to the student's parent.

  However, the school may also provide notice to the student in an age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate manner.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.