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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment Committee

Representative Yeager offered the following:

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## Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 103-265 and insert:

c. Beginning January 1, 2026, the costs for services provided in subparagraphs a. and b. may not exceed the costs established by the Department of Education, in consultation with the sheriffs. Such established costs may be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index compiled by the United States Department of Labor.

d.e. A private school or child care facility in a school district that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian program may request that the sheriff in the county of the private school or child care facility establish a guardian

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program for the purpose of training private school employees, child care facility employees, or school security guards. If the county sheriff denies the request, the private school or child care facility may contract with a sheriff from another county who has established a guardian program under subparagraph 2. to provide such training. The private school or child care facility must notify the sheriff in the private school's or child care facility's county of the contract with a sheriff from another county before its execution. The private school, child care facility, or security agency is responsible for all training and screening-related costs for a school quardian program. The sheriff providing such training must ensure that any moneys paid by a private school, child care facility, or security agency are not commingled with any funds provided by the state to the sheriff as reimbursement for screening-related and trainingrelated costs of any school district or charter school employee.

e.d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b. is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff providing such training shall adhere to the course of instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing additional training. A school guardian or school security guard who has completed the training program required in subsubparagraph 2.b. may not be required to attend another sheriff's training program pursuant to that sub-subparagraph

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unless there has been at least a 1-year break in his or her appointment as a guardian or employment by a security agency as a school security guard in a school.

 $\underline{\text{f.e.}}$  The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

g.f. The sheriff may waive the training and screening-related costs for a private school or child care facility for a school guardian program. Funds provided pursuant to subsubparagraph f. e. may not be used to subsidize any costs that have been waived by the sheriff. The sheriff may not waive the training and screening-related costs required to be paid by a security agency for initial training or ongoing training of a school security guard.

h.g. A person who is certified and in good standing under the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, who meets the qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who is otherwise qualified for the position of a school guardian or school security guard may be certified as a school guardian or school security guard by the sheriff without completing the training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b. However, a person certified as a school guardian or school security guard under

this sub-subparagraph must meet the requirements of subsubparagraphs 2.c.-e.

- 2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees, as specified in s. 1006.12(3), or shall certify as school security guards those persons employed by a security agency who meet the criteria specified in s. 1006.12(4), and who:
- a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06 <u>or are</u> otherwise eligible to possess or carry a concealed firearm under chapter 790.
- b. After satisfying the requirements of s. 1006.12(7), complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12 hours of training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and skills necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on school premises and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:
- (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than associated with academy training. Program participants must achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

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- (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.
- (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or assailant scenarios.
  - (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.
  - (VI) Four hours of instruction in legal issues.
- c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this paragraph.
- d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s. 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.
- e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual basis.

The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph <a href="1.h.">1.h.</a>
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shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons who meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of the

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sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and
equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,
inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian
certified by the sheriff. A person who is certified under this
paragraph may serve as a school guardian under s. 1006.12(3)
only if he or she is appointed by the applicable school district
superintendent, charter school principal, or private school head
of $school_{\hbox{\it ,}}$ or child care facility owner. A sheriff who conducts
the training for a school security guard or waives the training
requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.h. and
determines that the school security guard has met all the
requirements of s. 1006.12(4) shall issue a school security
guard certificate to persons who meet the requirements of this
section to the satisfaction of the sheriff and shall maintain
documentation of weapon and equipment inspections, training,
certification, and qualification records for each school
security guard certified by the sheriff.

- 3.a.(I) Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian or school security guard certificate, the sheriff who issued the certificate must report to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of the school guardian or school security guard.
- (II) By September 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a school guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of

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each school guardian who received a certificate from the sheriff.

b.(1) By February 1 and September 1 of each school year, each school district, charter school, and private school, child care facility, and employing security agency must report in the manner prescribed to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and appointment date of each person appointed as a school guardian or employed as a school security guard. The school district, charter school, and private school, child care facility, and employing security agency must also report in the manner prescribed to the Department of Law Enforcement the date each school guardian or school security guard separates from his or her appointment as a school guardian or employment as a school security guard in a school.

- (II) By September 1, 2024, each school district, charter school, and private school must report to the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and initial and end-of-appointment dates, as applicable, of each person appointed as a school guardian.
- c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list of each person appointed as a school guardian or certified as a school security guard in the state. The list must include the name and certification date of each school guardian and school security guard and the date the person was appointed as a school guardian or certified as a school security guard, including the

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name of the school district, charter school, or private school, or child care facility in which the school guardian is appointed, or the employing security agency of a school security guard, any information provided pursuant to s. 1006.12(5), and, if applicable, the date such person separated from his or her appointment as a school guardian or the last date a school security guard served in a school as of the last reporting date. The Department of Law Enforcement shall remove from the list any person whose training has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph 1.e. 1.d.

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requirements; prohibiting the costs for certain services from exceeding costs established by the Department of Education; authorizing such costs be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index; requiring a child care facility or

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