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Representative Yeager offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

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

(k) Assist district school boards and charter school governing boards in complying with, or private schools or child care facilities, as defined in s. 402.302, in exercising options in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff shall ~~must~~, at a minimum, provide

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14 access to a Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott
15 Beigel Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or abatement of
16 active assailant incidents on school premises, as required under
17 this paragraph. Persons certified as school guardians pursuant
18 to this paragraph have no authority to act in any law
19 enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent
20 or abate an active assailant incident.

21 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to
22 implement a guardian program or has contracted for the use of
23 school security guards to satisfy the requirements of s.
24 1006.12, the sheriff in that county must ~~shall~~ establish a
25 guardian program to provide training for school guardians or
26 school security guards, pursuant to subparagraph 2., to school
27 district, charter school, ~~or~~ private school, child care
28 facility, or security agency employees, either directly or
29 through a contract with another sheriff's office that has
30 established a guardian program. The security agency employing a
31 school security guard is responsible for all training and
32 screening-related costs for a school security guard, but such
33 charges may not exceed the actual cost incurred by the sheriff
34 to provide the training.

35 b. A charter school governing board in a school district
36 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian
37 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a
38 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school

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employees or school security guards consistent with the
requirements of subparagraph 2. If the county sheriff denies the
request, the charter school governing board may contract with a
sheriff that has established a guardian program to provide such
training. The charter school governing board must notify the
superintendent and the sheriff in the charter school's county of
the contract prior to its execution. The security agency
employing a school security guard is responsible for all
training and screening-related costs for a school security
guard, but such charges may not exceed the actual cost incurred
by the sheriff to provide the training.

c. 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
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

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64 screening-related costs for a school guardian program. The
65 sheriff providing such training must ensure that any moneys paid
66 by a private school, child care facility, or security agency are
67 not commingled with any funds provided by the state to the
68 sheriff as reimbursement for screening-related and training-
69 related costs of any school district or charter school employee.

70 d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.
71 is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff
72 providing such training shall adhere to the course of
73 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This
74 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing
75 additional training. A school guardian or school security guard
76 who has completed the training program required in sub-
77 subparagraph 2.b. may not be required to attend another
78 sheriff's training program pursuant to that sub-subparagraph
79 unless there has been at least a 1-year break in his or her
80 appointment as a guardian or employment by a security agency as
81 a school security guard in a school.

82 e. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to
83 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees
84 will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related
85 costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each
86 school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

87 f. The sheriff may waive the training and screening-
88 related costs for a private school or child care facility for a

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89 school guardian program. Funds provided pursuant to sub-
90 subparagraph e. may not be used to subsidize any costs that have
91 been waived by the sheriff. The sheriff may not waive the
92 training and screening-related costs required to be paid by a
93 security agency for initial training or ongoing training of a
94 school security guard.

95 g. A person who is certified and in good standing under
96 the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission,
97 who meets the qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who
98 is otherwise qualified for the position of a school guardian or
99 school security guard may be certified as a school guardian or
100 school security guard by the sheriff without completing the
101 training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b. However, a person
102 certified as a school guardian or school security guard under
103 this sub-subparagraph must meet the requirements of sub-
104 subparagraphs 2.c.-e.

105 2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with
106 the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding
107 principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as
108 school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees,
109 as specified in s. 1006.12(3), or shall certify as school
110 security guards those persons employed by a security agency who
111 meet the criteria specified in s. 1006.12(4), and who:

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112 a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06 or are
113 otherwise eligible to possess or carry a concealed firearm under
114 chapter 790.

115 b. After satisfying the requirements of s. 1006.12(7),
116 complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12 hours of
117 training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and skills
118 necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on school
119 premises and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and
120 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and
121 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

122 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the
123 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law
124 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least
125 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than
126 associated with academy training. Program participants must
127 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

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

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

131 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or
132 assailant scenarios.

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

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

135 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
136 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the

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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 1.g. shall issue a school guardian 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, 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, or child care facility owner. A sheriff who conducts the training for a school security guard or waives the training

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162 requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g. and
163 determines that the school security guard has met all the
164 requirements of s. 1006.12(4) shall issue a school security
165 guard certificate to persons who meet the requirements of this
166 section to the satisfaction of the sheriff and shall maintain
167 documentation of weapon and equipment inspections, training,
168 certification, and qualification records for each school
169 security guard certified by the sheriff.

170 3.a.~~(I)~~ Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian or
171 school security guard certificate, the sheriff who issued the
172 certificate must report to the Department of Law Enforcement the
173 name, date of birth, and certification date of the school
174 guardian or school security guard.

175 ~~(II) By September 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a~~
176 ~~school guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law~~
177 ~~Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of~~
178 ~~each school guardian who received a certificate from the~~
179 ~~sheriff.~~

180 b.~~(I)~~ By February 1 and September 1 of each school year,
181 each school district, charter school, employing security agency,
182 ~~and~~ private school, and child care facility must report in the
183 manner prescribed to the Department of Law Enforcement the name,
184 date of birth, and appointment date of each person appointed as
185 a school guardian or employed as a school security guard. The
186 school district, charter school, employing security agency, ~~and~~

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187 private school, and child care facility must also report in the
188 manner prescribed to the Department of Law Enforcement the date
189 each school guardian or school security guard separates from his
190 or her appointment as a school guardian or employment as a
191 school security guard in a school.

192 ~~(II) By September 1, 2024, each school district, charter~~
193 ~~school, and private school must report to the Department of Law~~
194 ~~Enforcement the name, date of birth, and initial and end-of-~~
195 ~~appointment dates, as applicable, of each person appointed as a~~
196 ~~school guardian.~~

197 c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list
198 of each person appointed as a school guardian or certified as a
199 school security guard in the state. The list must include the
200 name and certification date of each school guardian and school
201 security guard and the date the person was appointed as a school
202 guardian or certified as a school security guard, including the
203 name of the school district, charter school, ~~or~~ private school,
204 or child care facility in which the school guardian is
205 appointed, or the employing security agency of a school security
206 guard, any information provided pursuant to s. 1006.12(5), and,
207 if applicable, the date such person separated from his or her
208 appointment as a school guardian or the last date a school
209 security guard served in a school as of the last reporting date.

210 The Department of Law Enforcement shall remove from the list any

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211 person whose training has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph
212 1.d.

213 d. Each sheriff shall ~~must~~ report on a quarterly basis to
214 the Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming
215 school guardian trainings, to include guardian trainings for
216 school security guards, including the dates of the training, the
217 training locations, a contact person to register for the
218 training, and the class capacity. If no trainings are scheduled,
219 the sheriff is not required to report to the Department of Law
220 Enforcement. The Department of Law Enforcement shall publish on
221 its website a list of the upcoming school guardian trainings.
222 The Department of Law Enforcement shall ~~must~~ update such list
223 quarterly.

224 e. A sheriff who fails to report the information required
225 by this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement from the
226 Department of Education for school guardian trainings. Upon the
227 submission of the required information, a sheriff is deemed
228 eligible for such funding and is authorized to continue to
229 receive reimbursement for school guardian training.

230 f. A school district, charter school, ~~or~~ private school,
231 child care facility, or employing security agency that fails to
232 report the information required by this subparagraph is
233 prohibited from operating ~~may not operate~~ a school guardian
234 program or employing school security guards in ~~for~~ the following
235 school year, ~~unless the~~ missing ~~school district, charter school,~~

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~~or private school has submitted the required~~ information is provided.

g. By March 1 and October 1 of each school year, the Department of Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of Education of any sheriff, school district, charter school, ~~or~~ private school, or child care facility that has not complied with the reporting requirements of this subparagraph.

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

Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section 402.305, Florida Statutes, to read:

402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

(20) SAFE SCHOOL OFFICERS.—

(a) A child care facility may partner with a law enforcement agency or a security agency to establish or assign one or more safe-school officers established in s. 1006.12(1)-(4). The child care facility is responsible for the full cost of implementing any such option, which includes all training costs under the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program under s. 30.15(1)(k).

(b) A child care facility that establishes a safe-school officer must comply with the requirements of s. 1006.12.

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References to a school district, district school board, or district school superintendent in s. 1006.12(1)-(5) shall also mean an owner of a child care facility. References to a school district employee in s. 1006.12(3) shall also mean child care personnel.

Section 3. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (11) and subsection (17) of section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(11) Develop a statewide behavioral threat management operational process, a Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument, and a threat management portal.

(a)1. ~~By December 1, 2023,~~ The office shall maintain the ~~develop a~~ statewide behavioral threat management operational process to guide school districts, schools, charter school governing boards, and charter schools through the threat management process. The process must be designed to identify,

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285 assess, manage, and monitor potential and real threats to
286 schools. This process must include, but is not limited to:

- 287 a. The establishment and duties of threat management
288 teams.
- 289 b. Defining behavioral risks and threats.
- 290 c. The use of the Florida-specific behavioral threat
291 assessment instrument developed pursuant to paragraph (b) to
292 evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the
293 school, school staff, or other students and to coordinate
294 intervention and services for such students.
- 295 d. Upon the availability of the threat management portal
296 developed pursuant to paragraph (c), the use, authorized user
297 criteria, and access specifications of the portal.
- 298 e. Procedures for the implementation of interventions,
299 school support, and community services.
- 300 f. Guidelines for appropriate law enforcement
301 intervention.
- 302 g. Procedures for risk management.
- 303 h. Procedures for disciplinary actions.
- 304 i. Mechanisms for continued monitoring of potential and
305 real threats.
- 306 j. Procedures for referrals to mental health services
307 identified by the school district or charter school governing
308 board pursuant to s. 1012.584(4).

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309 k. Procedures and requirements necessary for the creation
310 of a threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation,
311 and any other information required by the Florida-specific
312 behavioral threat assessment instrument under paragraph (b).

313 2. ~~Upon availability,~~ Each school district, school,
314 charter school governing board, and charter school shall ~~must~~
315 use the statewide behavioral threat management operational
316 process.

317 3. The office shall provide training to all school
318 districts, schools, charter school governing boards, and charter
319 schools on the statewide behavioral threat management
320 operational process.

321 4. The office shall coordinate the ongoing development,
322 implementation, and operation of the statewide behavioral threat
323 management operational process.

324 (b)1. ~~By August 1, 2023,~~ The office shall maintain the
325 ~~develop a~~ Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment
326 instrument for school districts, schools, charter school
327 governing boards, and charter schools to use to evaluate the
328 behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school
329 staff, or students and to coordinate intervention and services
330 for such students. The Florida-specific behavioral threat
331 assessment instrument must include, but is not limited to:

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332 a. An assessment of the threat, which includes an
333 assessment of the student, family, and school and social
334 dynamics.

335 b. An evaluation to determine whether a threat exists and
336 if so, the type of threat.

337 c. The response to a threat, which includes the school
338 response, the role of law enforcement agencies in the response,
339 and the response by mental health providers.

340 d. Ongoing monitoring to assess implementation of threat
341 management and safety strategies.

342 e. Ongoing monitoring to evaluate interventions and
343 support provided to the students.

344 f. A standardized threat assessment report, which must
345 include, but need not be limited to, all documentation
346 associated with the evaluation, intervention, management, and
347 any ongoing monitoring of the threat.

348 2. A report, all corresponding documentation, and any
349 other information required by the instrument in the threat
350 management portal under paragraph (c) is an education record and
351 may not be retained, maintained, or transferred, except in
352 accordance with State Board of Education rule.

353 3. ~~Upon availability,~~ Each school district, school,
354 charter school governing board, and charter school shall ~~must~~
355 use the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment
356 instrument.

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357 4. The office shall provide training for members of threat
358 management teams established under s. 1006.07(7) and for all
359 school districts and charter school governing boards regarding
360 the use of the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment
361 instrument.

362 (c)1. By August 1, 2025, the office shall develop, host,
363 maintain, and administer a threat management portal that will
364 digitize the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment
365 instrument for use by each school district, school, charter
366 school governing board, and charter school. The portal will also
367 facilitate the electronic threat assessment reporting and
368 documentation as required by the Florida-specific behavioral
369 threat assessment instrument to evaluate the behavior of
370 students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or
371 students and to coordinate intervention and services for such
372 students. The portal may not provide the office with access to
373 the portal unless authorized in accordance with State Board of
374 Education rule. The portal must include, but need not be limited
375 to, the following functionalities:

376 a. Workflow processes that align with the statewide
377 behavioral threat management operational process.

378 b. Direct data entry and file uploading as required by the
379 Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument.

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380 c. The ability to create a threat assessment report as
381 required by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment
382 instrument.

383 d. The ability of authorized personnel to add to or update
384 a threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, or
385 any other information required by the Florida-specific
386 behavioral threat assessment instrument.

387 e. The ability to create and remove connections between
388 education records in the portal and authorized personnel.

389 f. The ability to grant access to and securely transfer
390 any education records in the portal to other schools or charter
391 schools in the district.

392 g. The ability to grant access to and securely transfer
393 any education records in the portal to schools and charter
394 schools not in the originating district.

395 h. The ability to retain, maintain, and transfer education
396 records in the portal in accordance with State Board of
397 Education rule.

398 i. The ability to restrict access to, entry of,
399 modification of, and transfer of education records in the portal
400 to a school district, school, charter school governing board, or
401 charter school and authorized personnel as specified by the
402 statewide behavioral threat management operational process.

403 j. The ability to designate school district or charter
404 school governing board system administrators who may grant

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access to authorized school district and charter school governing board personnel and school and charter school system administrators.

k. The ability to designate school or charter school system administrators who may grant access to authorized school or charter school personnel.

1. The ability to notify the office's system administrators and school district or charter school governing board system administrators of attempts to access any education records by unauthorized personnel.

2. Upon availability, each school district, school, charter school governing board, and charter school shall use the portal.

3. A threat assessment report, including, but not limited to, all corresponding documentation, and any other information required by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument which is maintained in the portal, is an education record and may not be retained, maintained, or transferred, except in accordance with State Board of Education rule.

4. The office and the office system administrators may not have access to a threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, and any other information required by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument which is maintained in the portal, except in accordance with State Board of Education rule.

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430 5. A school district or charter school governing board may
431 not have access to the education records in the portal, except
432 in accordance with State Board of Education rule.

433 6. The parent of a student may access his or her student's
434 education records in the portal in accordance with State Board
435 of Education rule, but may not have access to the portal.

436 7. The office shall develop and implement a quarterly
437 portal access review audit process.

438 8. Upon availability, each school district, school,
439 charter school governing board, and charter school shall comply
440 with the quarterly portal access review audit process developed
441 by the office.

442 9. By August 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the office
443 shall provide role-based training to all authorized school
444 district, school, charter school governing board, and charter
445 school personnel.

446 10. Any individual who accesses, uses, or releases any
447 education record contained in the portal for a purpose not
448 specifically authorized by law commits a noncriminal infraction,
449 punishable by a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

450 (17) Convene a workgroup of stakeholders, including, but
451 not limited to, postsecondary institutions, law enforcement,
452 fire and EMS, emergency management, school facilities staff,
453 school safety specialists, school administrators,
454 superintendents, school-based mental health professionals, and

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455 threat management practitioners. The workgroup shall make
456 recommendations for the establishment of a Florida Institute of
457 School Safety, including programs and functions to enhance
458 school safety. The workgroup shall submit the findings and
459 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
460 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than
461 January 1, 2026 ~~By December 1, 2024, evaluate the methodology~~
462 ~~for the safe schools allocation in s. 1011.62(12) and, if~~
463 ~~necessary, make recommendations for an alternate methodology to~~
464 ~~distribute the remaining balance of the safe schools allocation~~
465 ~~as indicated in s. 1011.62(12).~~

466 **Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section**
467 **1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (h) is added to**
468 **that subsection, and paragraphs (f) and (g) are added to**
469 **subsection (4) of that section, to read:**

470 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
471 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
472 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
473 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
474 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
475 welfare of students, including:

476 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

477 (f) Subject to an appropriation, the Department of
478 Education, in cooperation with the Department of Management
479 Services, shall identify a centralized system for use by all

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480 public safety answering point infrastructure which can receive
481 alerts from all panic alert systems and integrate digital maps
482 used by public schools, charter schools, and other educational
483 institutions. The centralized system must:

484 1. Receive alerts, location information, and relevant data
485 from all department-approved panic alert systems.

486 2. Integrate and display digital school maps to provide
487 real-time situational awareness to law enforcement and emergency
488 responders.

489 3. Retain and provide access to historical alert data for
490 use by authorized state agencies.

491 (g) If established pursuant to paragraph (f), each public
492 school and charter school shall confirm with the district school
493 board that the school's respective panic alert system is
494 connected to the centralized system. Panic alert systems must be
495 integrated with the centralized system to ensure seamless
496 notification of law enforcement and emergency responders.
497 Digital maps required under s. 1013.13 must also be integrated
498 with the centralized system to support emergency response.

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

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(f) School safety requirements. ~~By August 1, 2024,~~ Each school district and charter school governing board shall comply with the following school safety requirements, which apply from 30 minutes before the school start time until 30 minutes after the end of the school day:

1. All gates or other access points that restrict ingress to or egress from the exclusive zone of a school campus shall remain closed and locked when students are on campus. For the purposes of this section, the term "exclusive zone" means the area within a gate or door allowing access to the interior perimeter of a school campus beyond a single point of entry.

A gate or ~~other campus~~ access point to the exclusive zone may only not be open or unlocked if one of the following conditions is met, ~~regardless of whether it is during normal school hours,~~ unless:

a. It is attended or actively staffed ~~by a person~~ when students are on campus;

b. The use complies ~~is in accordance~~ with a shared use agreement pursuant to s. 1013.101;

c. Another closed and locked gate or access point separates the open or unlocked gate from areas occupied by students; or

~~d.e.~~ The school safety specialist, or his or her designee, has documented in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools that the gate or

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other access point is not subject to this requirement based upon other safety measures at the school. The office may conduct a compliance visit pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is appropriate.

This subparagraph does not apply to the nonexclusive zone of a school campus. The term "nonexclusive zone" means the area outside of the exclusive zone but contained on school property. Nonexclusive zones may include, but are not limited to, such spaces as parking lots, athletic fields and stadiums, mechanical buildings, playgrounds, bus ramps, agricultural spaces, and other areas that do not give direct, unimpeded access to the exclusive zone.

2.a. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students, except between class periods when students are moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or other instructional space door must be left unlocked or open for any reason other than between class periods when students are moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the door must be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at the door. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces with a permanently installed door lock may also use temporary door locks during an active assailant incident. The temporary door lock must be able to be engaged or removed without opening

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the door; must be easily removed in a single operation from the egress side of the door without the use of a key and from the ingress side of the door with the use of a key or other credential; may be installed at any height; must otherwise be in compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code; and must be integrated into the active assailant response plan.

b. Instructional spaces for career and technical education which are designed as open areas for which compliance with the requirements of sub-subparagraph a. affects the health and safety of students may be exempted from compliance with that sub-subparagraph by the school safety specialist. To be exempt, the school safety specialist, or his or her designee, must document in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools that the instructional space is exempt from these requirements due to negative impacts to student health and safety and the presence of other safety measures at the school that prevent egress from the instructional space to hallways or other classrooms or instructional spaces.

c. Common areas on a school campus, including, but not limited to, cafeterias, auditoriums, and media centers, which are used for instructional time or student testing must meet the requirements of sub-subparagraph a. only when such areas are being used for instructional time or student testing.

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578 3. For schools that do not have a secure exclusive zone,
579 all campus access doors, gates, and other access points that
580 allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall remain
581 closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless:

582 a. A person is actively entering or exiting the door,
583 gate, or other access point;

584 b. The door, gate, or access point is actively staffed by
585 school personnel to prevent unauthorized entry; or

586 c. The school safety specialist, or his or her designee,
587 has documented in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
588 portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools that the open
589 and unlocked door, gate, or other access point is not subject to
590 this requirement based upon other safety measures at the school.
591 There must be at least one locked barrier between classrooms and
592 instructional spaces and open school campus.

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594 The office may conduct a compliance visit pursuant to s.
595 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is appropriate. All
596 campus access doors, gates, and other access points may be
597 electronically or manually controlled by school personnel to
598 allow access by authorized visitors, students, and school
599 personnel.

600 4. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
601 must clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each
602 classroom or other instructional space where students must

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shelter in place during an emergency. Students must be notified of these safe areas within the first 10 days of the school year. If it is not feasible to clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in a classroom or other instructional space, the school safety specialist, or his or her designee, must document such determination in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools, identifying where affected students must shelter in place. The office shall assist the school safety specialist with compliance during the inspection required under s. 1001.212(14).

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

(h) Provision of school safety protocols and policies.—
Each substitute teacher must be provided all school safety protocols and policies before beginning his or her first day of substitute teaching at a school.

Section 5. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For the protection and safety of school personnel, property, students, and visitors, each district school board and school district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more safe-school officers at each school facility within the district, including charter schools. A district school board must collaborate with charter school governing boards to facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer options available under this section. The school district may implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)–(4) to best meet the needs of the school district and charter schools.

(4) SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD.—A school district or charter school governing board may contract with a security agency as defined in s. 493.6101(18) to employ as a school security guard an individual who holds a Class "D" and Class "G" license pursuant to chapter 493, provided the following training and contractual conditions are met:

(a) An individual who serves as a school security guard, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section, must:

1. Demonstrate completion of 144 hours of required training conducted by a sheriff pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.

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2. 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, and school district, or charter school governing board, or employing security agency, as applicable. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office, school district, ~~or~~ charter school governing board, or employing security agency with mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this paragraph.

3. 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, school district, ~~or~~ charter school governing board, or employing security agency, as applicable.

4. Be approved to work as a school security guard by the sheriff of each county in which the school security guard will be assigned to a school before commencing work at any school in that county. The sheriff's approval authorizes the security agency to assign the school security guard to any school in the county, and the sheriff's approval is not limited to any particular school.

5.4. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon inspection, and firearm qualification conducted by a sheriff pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.e. on at least an annual basis and provide documentation to the sheriff's office, school district,

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677 ~~or~~ charter school governing board, or employing security agency,
678 as applicable.

679 (b) The contract between a security agency and a school
680 district or a charter school governing board regarding
681 requirements applicable to school security guards serving in the
682 capacity of a safe-school officer for purposes of satisfying the
683 requirements of this section shall define the entity or entities
684 responsible ~~for training and the responsibilities~~ for
685 maintaining records relating to training, inspection, and
686 firearm qualification.

687 (c) School security guards serving in the capacity of a
688 safe-school officer pursuant to this subsection are in support
689 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, and
690 must aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant
691 incidents on school premises.

692 (d) The Office of Safe Schools shall provide the
693 Department of Law Enforcement any information related to a
694 school security guard that the office receives pursuant to
695 subsection (5).

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

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

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

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

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to school safety; amending s. 30.15, F.S.; revising the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program to include child care facilities; requiring a sheriff to establish a guardian program under certain circumstances; requiring certain security guards to meet specified

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727 school guardian training and screening requirements;
728 requiring a child care facility or security agency to
729 be responsible for all costs related to the guardian
730 program; prohibiting such costs from exceeding a
731 specified amount; authorizing a sheriff to waive such
732 costs for a child care facility; prohibiting a sheriff
733 from waiving costs for initial training of a school
734 security guard; authorizing a sheriff to certify a
735 person as a school security guard if he or she meets
736 specified criteria; revising firearm requirements for
737 school guardians and school security guards;
738 authorizing a sheriff to issue certificates to school
739 security guards who meet specified requirements;
740 requiring a sheriff to maintain specified
741 documentation; requiring a child care facility or
742 employing security agency to make specified reports;
743 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to
744 maintain specified records; requiring a sheriff to
745 make specified reports of certain school guardian or
746 school security guard trainings; prohibiting a child
747 care facility or employing security agency from
748 operating a school guardian program under certain
749 circumstances; amending s. 402.305, F.S.; authorizing
750 a child care facility to partner with specified
751 entities to establish or assign safe-school officers

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and participate in the guardian program; requiring a child care facility to pay for the full cost of the guardian program; requiring compliance with specified provisions relating to safe-school officers; providing construction; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; deleting obsolete language and making editorial changes; requiring the Office of Safe Schools to convene a workgroup of specified entities; requiring the workgroup to make recommendations for the establishment of a Florida Institute of School Safety; requiring the workgroup to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by a certain date; deleting a requirement for the office to evaluate the methodology for the safe school allocation; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Management Services, to identify a centralized system for use by all public safety answering point infrastructure, subject to appropriation; providing requirements for the system; requiring each public and charter school to confirm with the district school board that the school's respective panic alert system is connected to the centralized system; requiring that panic alert systems be integrated with the centralized system; requiring

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777 that certain digital maps be integrated with the
778 centralized system; requiring specified school safety
779 requirements to be implemented during specified time
780 periods; revising the requirements for certain gates
781 and campus access points to be open or unlocked;
782 defining the terms "exclusive zone" and "nonexclusive
783 zone"; providing construction; authorizing school
784 classrooms and instructional spaces to use temporary
785 door locks; providing requirements for such locks;
786 providing that certain instructional spaces for career
787 and technical education are exempt from specified
788 requirements under certain circumstances; providing
789 that certain provisions apply to common areas on
790 school campuses; providing exemptions from certain
791 requirements for doors, gates, and campus access
792 points in certain schools; providing requirements for
793 locked barriers between classrooms and open school
794 campuses; requiring certain protocols and policies to
795 be provided to substitute teachers; amending s.
796 1006.12, F.S.; requiring a sheriff to conduct
797 specified training; requiring that certain reports be
798 submitted to a school security guard's employing
799 agency; requiring a sheriff's approval before a school
800 security guard's employment in a county; requiring the
801 Office of Safe Schools to provide specified

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802 information to the Department of Law Enforcement;
803 providing an effective date.

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