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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Comm: RCS	.	
03/20/2025	.	
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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 28 - 38

and insert:

2. By July 1, 2026, the instructional day for middle schools may not begin earlier than 8 a.m. and the instructional day for high schools may not begin earlier than 8:30 a.m. Each district school board must inform its community, including parents, students, teachers, school administrators, athletic coaches, and other stakeholders, about the health, safety, and



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11 academic impacts of sleep deprivation on middle school and high
12 school students and the benefits of a later school start time
13 and discuss local strategies to successfully implement the later
14 school start times.

15 3. A district school board shall be deemed in compliance
16 with the requirements of subparagraph 2. if the district school
17 board submits to the department, by June 1, 2026, a report, in a
18 format prescribed by the department, that includes, at a
19 minimum, all of the following:

20 a. The start times of elementary, middle, and high schools
21 in the school district.

22 b. Documentation of strategies considered to implement a
23 later school start time for middle schools and high schools
24 within the school district, including the number of board
25 meetings, public hearings, and opportunities for parent input to
26 discuss the strategies.

27 c. A description of the impact of implementing the school
28 start time requirements in subparagraph 2., including the
29 financial impact for the school district.

30 d. Identified unintended consequences to the school
31 district, students, and the community by implementing the school
32 start time requirements in subparagraph 2.

33 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section
34 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

35 1002.33 Charter schools.—

36 (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

37 (b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance
38 with the following statutes:

39 1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and



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40 records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.
41 2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.
42 3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size,
43 except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s.
44 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.
45 4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and
46 salary schedules.
47 5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.
48 6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with
49 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.
50 7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive
51 requirements for performance evaluations for instructional
52 personnel and school administrators.
53 8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.
54 9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat management teams.
55 10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental
56 Safety Incident Reporting.
57 11. Section 1006.07(10), relating to reporting of
58 involuntary examinations.
59 12. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe Schools
60 Assessment Tool.
61 13. Section 1006.07(6)(d), relating to adopting an active
62 assailant response plan.
63 14. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile
64 suspicious activity reporting tool.
65 15. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health
66 awareness and assistance training.
67 16. Section 1001.42(4)(f)2., relating to middle school and
68 high school start times, unless the governing board has



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69 submitted a report to the department pursuant to s.
70 1001.42(4)(f)3. A charter school-in-the-workplace is exempt from
71 this requirement.

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74 And the title is amended as follows:

75 Delete lines 3 - 8

76 and insert:

77 times; amending ss. 1001.42 and 1002.33, F.S.;

78 providing that district school boards and charter

79 schools are in compliance with certain provisions

80 relating to middle school and high school start times

81 upon submission of a specified report to the

82 Department of Education; providing