

HB 1025

2026

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the notification of sexual violence policies and supportive measure in K-20 education; creating s. 1000.09, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring public and private K-20 educational institutions to have specified sexual violence policies; authorizing such educational institutions to have specified supportive measures; providing requirements for such policies and measures; requiring schools to notify students, parents, school staff, and school volunteers of such policies and measures; providing requirements for such notifications; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1000.09, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1000.09 Notification of sexual violence policies and supportive measure in K-20 education.-

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:  
(a) "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

26     services, law enforcement and prosecution, and physical and  
27     mental health services.

28         (b)    "Frequently encountered language" means a language  
29     that is the primary language spoken by:

30             1.    At least 5 percent of the overall student population or  
31     employee population of the school;

32             2.    At least 5 percent of the population of the county in  
33     which the school is located; or

34             3.    At least 1,000 people in the county in which the school  
35     is located.

36         (c)    "School" means a public K-12 school, a public  
37     postsecondary educational institution, a private K-12 school, or  
38     a private postsecondary educational institution.

39         (d)    "Sexual assault service provider" means an agency that  
40     provides victim advocacy and support services to survivors of  
41     sexual violence.

42         (e)    "Sexual violence policies" means any policy,  
43     procedure, protocol, guideline, or rule regarding sexual  
44     assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, and  
45     stalking that occurs on school premises, on school  
46     transportation, or at a school-sponsored, off-campus event and  
47     where a student, school staff member, or school volunteer is the  
48     purported victim or offender of such offense.

49         (f)    "Supportive measures" means individualized measures  
50     related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence,

51 dating violence, or stalking that are nondisciplinary or  
52 nonpunitive measures that are offered to a student, school staff  
53 member, or school volunteer to protect the safety of all  
54 parties, provide reasonable accommodations, and support  
55 educational success.

56 (2) (a) Each school must have sexual violence policies.

57 Such policies must:

58 1. Be written in clear, plain language in a color, size,  
59 and font that enhances readability.

60 2. Be available in frequently encountered languages to  
61 ensure timely and meaningful access for students, parents,  
62 school staff, and school volunteers with limited English  
63 proficiency. Processes should be in place for access to the  
64 material in less frequently encountered languages.

65 3. Include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

66 a. Options for a student to report an incident of sexual  
67 assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, or  
68 stalking to the school or law enforcement.

69 b. The rights of victims and offenders during any  
70 investigation or disciplinary proceeding conducted by the  
71 school.

72 c. The process the school will use for an investigation or  
73 disciplinary proceeding, including any rights to an appeal.

74 d. Whether the school has an affirmative duty to report to  
75 law enforcement when a report of sexual assault, sexual abuse,

76 domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking is made to the  
77 school.

78 (b) Each school may have supportive measures. Such  
79 measures may include, but are not limited to, all of the  
80 following:

81 1. Where available, the name, title, e-mail, address, and  
82 telephone number of the person designated by the school to  
83 receive reports of violations of the sexual violence policies  
84 and provide information regarding such policies and supportive  
85 measures.

86 2. Where available, the name, telephone number, and  
87 website address for a local, state, or national hotline that  
88 provides information to victims of sexual assault or sexual  
89 abuse.

90 3. Where available, the name, telephone number, and  
91 website address of the nearest child advocacy center and sexual  
92 assault service provider.

93 4. Access to counseling, health care, and mental health  
94 care.

95 5. Access to victim advocacy or legal assistance.

96 6. Extensions to deadlines or other class-related  
97 adjustments or modifications of work or class schedules.

98 7. Campus safety escorts.

99 (3) Each school shall notify students, parents, school  
100 staff, and school volunteers of the school's existing sexual

101     violence policies and supportive measures by:

102        (a) Including such policies and measures in student,  
103 parent, staff, or volunteer handbooks, catalogs, or other school  
104 publications that list the rights, responsibilities, or  
105 standards of conduct for students, school staff, and school  
106 volunteers.

107        (b) Providing such policies and measures directly to  
108 students, parents, school staff, and school volunteers using the  
109 process by which such person has selected to receive  
110 communications from the school.

111        1. A school shall provide such policies and measures to  
112 students and parents at the student's time of enrollment or  
113 registration, and each academic year thereafter within 30 days  
114 of the first day of school.

115        2. A school shall provide such policies and measures to  
116 school staff and school volunteers at the time such staff is  
117 hired or when the volunteer begins his or her volunteer work.  
118 The school shall require school staff and school volunteers to  
119 annually review such policies and measure within 30 days of the  
120 first of school.

121        (c) Placing a physical copy of such policies and measures  
122 in a clearly visible location and public area of the school that  
123 is readily accessible to and widely used by students and in a  
124 location that is widely used by parents, school staff, and  
125 school volunteers.

126        (d) Posting such policies and measures on the school's  
127        website in a prominent location that is accessible from the  
128        website's homepage by use of not more than three clicks. Such  
129        policies and measures must also be published on the school  
130        district's or governing body of the school's website in a  
131        prominent location that is accessible from the website's  
132        homepage by use of not more than three clicks.

133        (4) To provide notice to a student under the age of 18,  
134        the school shall provide such notice to the student's parent.  
135        However, a school may also provide notice to the student in an  
136        age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate manner.

137        **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.