

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

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

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

19 1000.09 Notification of sexual violence policies and
20 supportive measure in K-20 education.—

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

22 (a) "Child advocacy center" means a center that
23 coordinates the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of
24 child abuse cases by using multidisciplinary teams of
25 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.