

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to school districts; creating s.  
3       1001.366, F.S.; providing members of a district school  
4       board with specified rights relating to school  
5       district documents and budget matters; amending s.  
6       1001.42, F.S.; requiring that certain documents from  
7       district school board meetings be kept as public  
8       records; amending s. 1011.035, F.S.; requiring that  
9       full line-item budget items be posted on a school  
10      district's website; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.;  
11      requiring district school boards to adopt a policy  
12      prohibiting a requirement that district employees be  
13      required or incentivized to sign a nondisclosure  
14      agreement or confidentiality agreement; providing an  
15      effective date.

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

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19           **Section 1.   Section 1001.366, Florida Statutes, is created**  
20   **to read:**

21           1001.366   District School Board Members' Bill of Rights.—A  
22   member of a district school board has the right to:

23           (1)(a)   Upon request, be given free and timely access to  
24   all school district documents. Access must include documents  
25   that are not public records, including, but not limited to,

26 notes, invoices, correspondences, memoranda, and internal legal  
27 opinion.

28 (b) Request any document or information from the district  
29 school superintendent or the superintendent's staff.

30 (2) Consult with the school district's chief financial  
31 officer on general matters related to the budget, and sources  
32 and uses of school district funds, and have access, upon  
33 request, to any detail or line item in any proposed or approved  
34 budget or in any financial transaction by the school district.

35 **Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of**  
36 **section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, to read:**

37 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
38 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
39 powers and perform all duties listed below:

40 (1) REQUIRE MINUTES AND RECORDS TO BE KEPT.—Require the  
41 district school superintendent, as secretary, to keep such  
42 minutes and records as are necessary to set forth clearly all  
43 actions and proceedings of the school board.

44 (c) Other records.—Other documents, including attachments  
45 for agenda items, such as vendor contracts or budget documents,  
46 must be kept as a public record with the minutes of each  
47 meeting.

48 **Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**  
49 **1011.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

50 1011.035 School district fiscal transparency.—

51           (2) Each district school board shall post on its website a  
52 plain language version of each proposed, tentative, and official  
53 budget which describes each budget item in terms that are easily  
54 understandable to the public and includes:

55           (a) Graphical representations, for each public school  
56 within the district and for the school district, of the  
57 following:

58           1. Summary financial efficiency data.

59           2. Fiscal trend information for the previous 3 years on:

60           a. The ratio of full-time equivalent students to full-time  
61 equivalent instructional personnel.

62           b. The ratio of full-time equivalent students to full-time  
63 equivalent administrative personnel.

64           c. The total operating expenditures per full-time  
65 equivalent student.

66           d. The total instructional expenditures per full-time  
67 equivalent student.

68           e. The general administrative expenditures as a percentage  
69 of total budget.

70           f. The rate of change in the general fund's ending fund  
71 balance not classified as restricted.

72           g. Full line-item budget items.

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74 This information must be prominently posted on the school  
75 district's website in a manner ~~that is~~ readily accessible to the

76 public.

77 **Section 4. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (1) of**  
78 **section 1012.22, Florida Statutes, to read:**

79 1012.22 Public school personnel; powers and duties of the  
80 district school board.—The district school board shall:

81 (1) Designate positions to be filled, prescribe  
82 qualifications for those positions, and provide for the  
83 appointment, compensation, promotion, suspension, and dismissal  
84 of employees as follows, subject to the requirements of this  
85 chapter:

86 (k) Nondisclosure or confidentiality.—The district school  
87 board shall adopt a policy prohibiting a district employee from  
88 being required or otherwise incentivized to sign a nondisclosure  
89 agreement or confidentiality agreement.

90 **Section 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.