

By the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education; and Senator
Polsky

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public postsecondary education
safety policies and procedures; creating s. 1004.0983,
F.S.; requiring state universities and Florida College
System institutions to adopt and implement specified
policies and procedures relating to safety; providing
requirements for such policies and procedures;
requiring state universities and Florida College
System institutions to annually review and update the
policies and procedures; authorizing the Board of
Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt
regulations and rules, respectively; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1004.0983, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1004.0983 Public postsecondary safety policies and
procedures.—

(1) Each state university and Florida College System
institution shall adopt and implement written safety policies
and procedures applicable to campus facilities, classrooms, and
other institutional settings to prevent, report, and respond to:

(a) An act of violence or attempted violence against a
person.

(b) A credible threat as defined in s. 784.048(1)(c).

(2) The policies and procedures must:

(a) Identify a person responsible for:

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30 1. Coordinating the state university or Florida College
31 System institution's response to actions listed in paragraphs
32 (1) (a) and (b).

33 2. Implementing such policies and procedures, including all
34 safety measures.

35 (b) Establish clear internal and external reporting
36 protocols, including notification of campus security or a local
37 law enforcement agency when appropriate.

38 (c) Outline the protective measures available to affected
39 persons, which may include work or class relocation, security
40 escorts, and restricting access to certain areas by a person
41 engaged in an activity listed in paragraph (1) (a) or paragraph
42 (1) (b).

43 (d) Provide timely updates to an affected person regarding
44 the status of an incident and any action taken.

45 (e) Ensure the policies and procedures are prominently
46 posted on the state university's or Florida College System
47 institution's website and available to students, faculty, staff,
48 and visitors upon request.

49 (3) Each state university and Florida College System
50 institution shall annually review and update the policies and
51 procedures to incorporate the best practices in threat
52 assessment, campus security, and safety.

53 (4) The Board of Governors may adopt regulations and the
54 State Board of Education may adopt rules to administer this
55 section.

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