

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to discrimination in education;
3 amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring each district
4 school board to designate a Title VI coordinator;
5 specifying requirements for and duties of the
6 coordinator; authorizing a person alleging
7 discrimination to file a complaint with the district
8 school superintendent or the Title VI coordinator;
9 authorizing a parent or guardian to submit a complaint
10 on behalf of a minor child; requiring the State Board
11 of Education to adopt rules; creating s. 1004.041,
12 F.S.; requiring each Florida College System
13 institution and state university to designate a Title
14 VI coordinator; specifying requirements for and duties
15 of the coordinator; authorizing a person alleging
16 discrimination to file a complaint with the dean of
17 students or the Title VI coordinator; authorizing a
18 parent or guardian to submit a complaint on behalf of
19 a minor child; requiring the State Board of Education
20 and Board of Governors to adopt rules and regulations,
21 respectively; providing an effective date.

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

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25 **Section 1. Present subsection (29) of section 1001.42,**

26 **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (30), and a new**
27 **subsection (29) is added to that section, to read:**

28 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
29 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
30 powers and perform all duties listed below:

31 (29) TITLE VI COORDINATOR.—

32 (a) Each district school board shall designate a Title VI
33 coordinator. The coordinator shall:

34 1. Have expertise in and oversee compliance with Title VI
35 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and compliance with s. 1000.05.

36 2. Promote equal access to and participation in the
37 programs and activities of schools within the school district.

38 3. Provide training and educational resources regarding
39 Title VI law and regulations, including, at a minimum, those who
40 are responsible for receiving reports on potential Title VI
41 complaints.

42 4. Maintain records and reports related to Title VI
43 compliance, including a summary of the allegations, the
44 complainant's protected category, the disposition of the
45 complaint, and the corrective actions taken, so that the Title
46 VI coordinator can assess compliance.

47 5. Provide advice and consultation on supportive and
48 corrective measures.

49 6. Perform any other relevant duty established by the
50 school district.

51 (b)1. A person alleging discrimination in violation of
52 Title VI may file a complaint with the district school
53 superintendent or the Title VI coordinator of the school
54 district.

55 2. A parent or guardian may submit a complaint on behalf
56 of his or her minor child.

57 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
58 implement this subsection.

59 **Section 2. Section 1004.041, Florida Statutes, is created**
60 **to read:**

61 1004.041 Title VI coordinator.—

62 (1) Each Florida College System institution and state
63 university shall designate a Title VI coordinator. The
64 coordinator shall:

65 (a) Have expertise in and oversee compliance with Title VI
66 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and compliance with s. 1000.05.

67 (b) Promote equal access to and participation in the
68 programs and activities of the institution.

69 (c) Provide training and educational resources regarding
70 Title VI law and regulations, including, at a minimum, those who
71 are responsible for receiving reports on potential Title VI
72 complaints.

73 (d) Maintain records and reports related to Title VI
74 compliance, including a summary of the allegations, the
75 complainant's protected category, the disposition of the

76 complaint, and the corrective actions taken, so that the Title
77 VI coordinator can assess compliance.

78 (e) Provide advice and consultation on supportive and
79 corrective measures.

80 (f) Perform any other relevant duty established by the
81 institution.

82 (2)(a) A person alleging discrimination in violation of
83 Title VI may file a complaint with the institution's dean of
84 students or Title VI coordinator.

85 (b) A parent or guardian may submit a complaint on behalf
86 of his or her minor child.

87 (3) The State Board of Education and Board of Governors
88 shall adopt rules and regulations, respectively, to implement
89 this section.

90 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.