



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Sharief) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3                   Delete everything after the enacting clause  
4 and insert:

5                   Section 1. Section 406.139, Florida Statutes, is created to  
6 read:

7                   406.139 Autopsy of a suspected violent offender.—

8                   (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

9                   (a) "Intoxicating substance" means alcoholic beverages, any  
10                   controlled substance controlled under chapter 893, or any



11 chemical substance set forth in s. 877.111.

12 (b) "Psychotropic drug" means any drug prescribed to affect  
13 an individual's mental state, including, but not limited to,  
14 antidepressants, antipsychotics, mood stabilizers, and  
15 antianxiety medications.

16 (c) "Violent offender" means any person who is suspected by  
17 law enforcement of engaging in unprovoked violence that results  
18 in, or is likely to result in, the death or serious bodily  
19 injury of another.

20 (2) CONSULTATION; TOXICOLOGY SCREENING.—If a medical  
21 examiner's office performs an autopsy on a decedent who is a  
22 violent offender, the medical examiner must do all of the  
23 following:

24 (a) 1. Make reasonable efforts to determine the identity of  
25 any treating mental health professional or primary care  
26 physician of the decedent; and

27 2. Consult such individuals, if known and available, to  
28 obtain information and records regarding the decedent's history  
29 of psychotropic drug use, including any prescribed or  
30 discontinued medications.

31 (b) Order and perform a toxicology screening on the  
32 decedent to determine whether psychotropic drugs or intoxicating  
33 substances are present in the decedent's body.

34 (3) AUTOPSY REPORT; NOTIFICATION.—

35 (a) All findings under subsection (2) must be documented  
36 and included in the final autopsy report, along with any  
37 available corroborating information.

38 (b) 1. Any findings relating to the use of intoxicating  
39 substances or psychotropic drugs must be reported to the Florida



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40 Department of Law Enforcement.

41 2. Any findings relating to the use of psychotropic drugs,  
42 and if known, the prescribing facility, must be reported to the  
43 Florida Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care  
44 Administration.

45 Section 2. Subsections (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13),  
46 (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), and (20) of section 456.057,  
47 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9), (10), (11),  
48 (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), and (21),  
49 respectively, and subsection (8) is added to that section, to  
50 read:

51 456.057 Ownership and control of patient records; report or  
52 copies of records to be furnished; disclosure of information.—

53 (8) Notwithstanding any other law, records must be  
54 furnished to a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 914.28  
55 for the purpose of investigating a violent offender as defined  
56 in s. 406.139 provided:

57 (a) Such release is limited to only those records that  
58 confirm whether the suspected person was ever treated with  
59 psychotropic drugs as defined in s. 406.139;

60 (b) Records reasonably related to such treatment; and  
61 (c) The law enforcement agency requests such records.

62 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
63 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

64 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
65 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
66 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
67 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
68 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the



69 welfare of students, including:

70 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district  
71 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures  
72 for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the  
73 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior  
74 poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

75 (a) *School safety specialist.*—Each district school  
76 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for  
77 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school  
78 administrator employed by the school district or a law  
79 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in  
80 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated  
81 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved  
82 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school  
83 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains  
84 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,  
85 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized  
86 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's  
87 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine  
88 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the  
89 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer  
90 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must  
91 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist  
92 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year  
93 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and  
94 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,  
95 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school  
96 safety specialist, or his or her designee, shall:

97 1. In conjunction with the district school superintendent,



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98 annually review school district policies and procedures for  
99 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's  
100 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety  
101 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).  
102 At least quarterly, the school safety specialist must report to  
103 the district school superintendent and the district school board  
104 any noncompliance by the school district with laws or rules  
105 regarding school safety.

106 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to students  
107 and school district staff in matters relating to youth mental  
108 health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures, including  
109 active shooter training; and school safety and security.

110 3. Provide the necessary training and resources to school  
111 district staff in matters relating to the adverse effects of  
112 psychotropic drugs and intoxicating substances as those terms  
113 are defined in s. 406.139, including the irrational, violent, or  
114 suicidal behavior that may be demonstrated by students under the  
115 influence of such drugs or substances. The training must include  
116 instruction on how such staff can identify and safely interact  
117 with students who may be under the influence of such drugs or  
118 substances, including de-escalation techniques to ensure student  
119 and staff safety.

120 4. Serve as the school district liaison with local public  
121 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and  
122 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

123 5.4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety  
124 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of  
125 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each  
126 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool



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127 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.  
128 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's  
129 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the  
130 district school superintendent and the district school board  
131 which identify strategies and activities that the district  
132 school board should implement in order to address the findings  
133 and improve school safety and security. Each district school  
134 board must receive such findings and the school safety  
135 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district  
136 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to  
137 hear the district school board members discuss and take action  
138 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety  
139 specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall  
140 report such findings and school board action to the Office of  
141 Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board  
142 meeting.

143 6.5. Conduct annual unannounced inspections, using the form  
144 adopted by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.  
145 1001.212(13), of all public schools, including charter schools,  
146 while school is in session and investigate reports of  
147 noncompliance with school safety requirements.

148 7.6. Report violations of paragraph (f) by administrative  
149 personnel and instructional personnel to the district school  
150 superintendent or charter school administrator, as applicable.

151 Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 1006.12, Florida  
152 Statutes, is amended to read:

153 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For the  
154 protection and safety of school personnel, property, students,  
155 and visitors, each district school board and school district



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156 superintendent shall partner with law enforcement agencies or  
157 security agencies to establish or assign one or more safe-school  
158 officers at each school facility within the district, including  
159 charter schools. A district school board must collaborate with  
160 charter school governing boards to facilitate charter school  
161 access to all safe-school officer options available under this  
162 section. The school district may implement any combination of  
163 the options in subsections (1)-(4) to best meet the needs of the  
164 school district and charter schools.

165 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING; SUBSTANCE USE TRAINING.—

166 (a) Each safe-school officer who is also a sworn law  
167 enforcement officer shall complete mental health crisis  
168 intervention training using a curriculum developed by a national  
169 organization with expertise in mental health crisis  
170 intervention. The training must improve the officer's knowledge  
171 and skills as a first responder to incidents involving students  
172 with emotional disturbance or mental illness, including de-  
173 escalation skills to ensure student and officer safety.

174 (b) Each safe-school officer shall complete training on the  
175 adverse effects of psychotropic drugs and intoxicating  
176 substances as those terms are defined in s. 406.139, including  
177 the irrational, violent, or suicidal behavior that may be  
178 demonstrated by students under the influence of such drugs or  
179 substances. The training must include instruction on how such a  
180 safe-school officer can identify and safely interact with  
181 students who may be under the influence of such drugs or  
182 substances, including de-escalation techniques to ensure student  
183 and officer safety.



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185 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,  
186 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any  
187 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school  
188 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety  
189 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the  
190 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource  
191 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school  
192 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.  
193 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

194       Section 5. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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196 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====  
197 And the title is amended as follows:

198       Delete everything before the enacting clause  
199 and insert:

200                   A bill to be entitled  
201       An act relating to the use of substances affecting  
202       cognitive function; creating s. 406.139, F.S.;  
203       defining terms; requiring medical examiners to take  
204       specified actions when performing an autopsy on a  
205       decedent who is a violent offender; requiring that  
206       autopsy reports for such individuals include certain  
207       findings and information; requiring notification;  
208       amending s. 456.057, F.S.; authorizing the release of  
209       certain patient records to law enforcement agencies  
210       without patient authorization for investigation  
211       purposes; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring school  
212       safety specialists to provide school district staff  
213       with certain training on the adverse effects of



214        specified substances; specifying requirements for  
215        training; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; requiring safe-  
216        school officers to complete certain training on the  
217        adverse effects of specified substances; specifying  
218        requirements for training; providing an effective  
219        date. ; providing an effective date.