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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

406.139 Autopsy of a suspected violent offender.—

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

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



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chemical substance set forth in s. 877.111.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) AUTOPSY REPORT; NOTIFICATION.—

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

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



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Department of Law Enforcement.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Records reasonably related to such treatment; and

(c) The law enforcement agency requests such records.

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

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



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welfare of students, including:

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

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

1. In conjunction with the district school superintendent,



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

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

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

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

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



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developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's
school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the
district school superintendent and the district school board
which identify strategies and activities that the district
school board should implement in order to address the findings
and improve school safety and security. Each district school
board must receive such findings and the school safety
specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district
school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to
hear the district school board members discuss and take action
on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety
specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall
report such findings and school board action to the Office of
Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board
meeting.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

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



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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.