

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school safety; amending s. 30.15,  
3           F.S.; requiring sheriffs to assist public  
4           postsecondary educational institutions in implementing  
5           guardian programs under certain provisions;  
6           authorizing public postsecondary educational  
7           institutions to participate in the school guardian  
8           program; requiring a sheriff to establish a guardian  
9           training program or contract with certain other  
10          sheriff's offices to do so in certain circumstances;  
11          removing provisions relating to certain private school  
12          and child care facility guardian programs; amending s.  
13          790.115, F.S.; creating the offense of discharging a  
14          weapon or firearm within 1,000 feet of a school;  
15          providing an exception; providing that a person  
16          arrested for certain offenses must be held in custody  
17          until brought before the court for admittance to bail;  
18          amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking an offense created  
19          by the act on the offense severity ranking chart of  
20          the Criminal Punishment Code; amending s. 943.082,  
21          F.S.; requiring that postsecondary institutions be  
22          made aware of the mobile suspicious activity reporting  
23          tool in a specified manner; requiring certain public  
24          postsecondary educational institutions to promote the  
25          use of such tool; amending s. 1001.2921, F.S.;

26 | authorizing funds for Catholic schools for specified  
27 | security purposes; prioritizing the use of such funds;  
28 | amending s. 1003.25, F.S.; requiring specified  
29 | educational records for certain students to be  
30 | transferred to a Florida College System institution or  
31 | state university under certain circumstances;  
32 | requiring the State Board of Education and the Board  
33 | of Governors to adopt rules and regulations,  
34 | respectively; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring  
35 | certain trainings to include specified information  
36 | relating to school safety; authorizing, in certain  
37 | circumstances, state universities and Florida College  
38 | System institutions to share specified records or  
39 | information that are confidential or exempt from  
40 | disclosure with specified agencies; creating s.  
41 | 1006.601, F.S.; providing a short title; defining the  
42 | term "public postsecondary educational institution";  
43 | authorizing such institutions to participate in  
44 | certain programs; authorizing such institutions to  
45 | appoint certified school guardians; authorizing  
46 | specified persons to serve as school guardians;  
47 | requiring such institutions to adopt specified  
48 | emergency response plans; requiring such institutions  
49 | to provide specified training, post specified  
50 | information, and adopt threat management processes;

51 requiring such institutions to develop policies for  
 52 specified student, faculty, and staff supports;  
 53 authorizing the State Board of Education and the Board  
 54 of Governors to adopt rules and regulations,  
 55 respectively; reenacting ss. 402.305(19)(a), 843.08,  
 56 943.03(16), 1001.212(1) and (4), and 1006.12(3)(a),  
 57 (4)(a), and (7), F.S., relating to licensing standards  
 58 for child care facilities, false personation, the  
 59 Department of Law Enforcement, the Office of Safe  
 60 Schools, and safe-school officers at each public  
 61 school, respectively; providing effective dates.

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

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 65 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
 66 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

67 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

68 (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or  
 69 by deputy, shall:

70 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school  
 71 governing boards in complying with, or private schools or child  
 72 care facilities, as defined in s. 402.302, in exercising options  
 73 in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must also assist public postsecondary  
 74 educational institutions, as described in s. 1000.04(3), in  
 75 implementing a guardian program under s. 1006.601. A sheriff

76 shall, at a minimum, provide access to a Chris Hixon, Coach  
 77 Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program to aid in  
 78 the prevention or abatement of active assailant incidents on  
 79 school premises, as required under this paragraph. Persons  
 80 certified as school guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no  
 81 authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the  
 82 extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant  
 83 incident.

84 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to  
 85 implement a guardian program or has contracted for the use of  
 86 school security guards to satisfy the requirements of s.  
 87 1006.12, the sheriff in that county must establish a guardian  
 88 program to provide training for school guardians or school  
 89 security guards, pursuant to subparagraph 2., to meet the demand  
 90 for the training of school district, charter school, public  
 91 postsecondary educational institution, private school, child  
 92 care facility, or security agency employees, either directly or  
 93 through a contract with other ~~another~~ sheriff's offices ~~office~~  
 94 that have ~~has~~ established a guardian program. The security  
 95 agency employing a school security guard is responsible for all  
 96 training and screening-related costs for a school security  
 97 guard, but such charges may not exceed the actual cost incurred  
 98 by the sheriff to provide the training.

99 b. Upon the request of a private school, child care  
 100 facility, public postsecondary educational institution, or A

101 charter school governing board in a school district that has not  
102 implemented ~~voted, or has declined, to implement~~ a guardian  
103 program, ~~may request~~ the sheriff in the county must ~~to~~ establish  
104 a guardian training program or contract with other sheriff's  
105 offices that have established a guardian training program to  
106 meet demand for the purpose of training of the private school,  
107 child care facility, public postsecondary educational  
108 institution, or charter school employees or school security  
109 guards consistent with the requirements of subparagraph 2. ~~If~~  
110 ~~the county sheriff denies the request, the charter school~~  
111 ~~governing board may contract with a sheriff that has established~~  
112 ~~a guardian program to provide such training.~~ The charter school  
113 governing board must notify the superintendent ~~and the sheriff~~  
114 in the charter school's county of the contract prior to its  
115 execution. The security agency employing a school security guard  
116 is responsible for all training and screening-related costs for  
117 a school security guard, but such charges may not exceed the  
118 actual cost incurred by the sheriff to provide the training.

119 ~~e. A private school or child care facility in a school~~  
120 ~~district that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a~~  
121 ~~guardian program may request that the sheriff in the county of~~  
122 ~~the private school or child care facility establish a guardian~~  
123 ~~program for the purpose of training private school employees,~~  
124 ~~child care facility employees, or school security guards. If the~~  
125 ~~county sheriff denies the request, the private school or child~~

126 ~~care facility may contract with a sheriff from another county~~  
127 ~~who has established a guardian program under subparagraph 2. to~~  
128 ~~provide such training. The private school or child care facility~~  
129 ~~must notify the sheriff in the private school's or child care~~  
130 ~~facility's county of the contract with a sheriff from another~~  
131 ~~county before its execution.~~ The private school, child care  
132 facility, or security agency is responsible for all training and  
133 screening-related costs for a school guardian program. The  
134 sheriff providing such training must ensure that any moneys paid  
135 by a private school, child care facility, or security agency are  
136 not commingled with any funds provided by the state to the  
137 sheriff as reimbursement for screening-related and training-  
138 related costs ~~of any school district or charter school employee.~~

139 c.d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph  
140 2.b. is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff  
141 providing such training shall adhere to the course of  
142 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. The costs for  
143 the training program shall be consistent with guidelines  
144 established by the Florida Sheriffs Association. This  
145 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing  
146 additional training. Any additional training shall be provided  
147 at no cost to a private school, child care facility, or security  
148 agency. A school guardian or school security guard who has  
149 completed the training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.  
150 may not be required to attend another sheriff's training program

151 pursuant to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least  
152 a 1-year break in his or her appointment as a guardian or  
153 employment by a security agency as a school security guard in a  
154 school.

155 ~~d.e.~~ The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to  
156 subparagraph 2. for school district, ~~and~~ charter school, or  
157 public postsecondary educational institution employees will be  
158 reimbursed for screening-related and training-related costs and  
159 for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each school guardian  
160 who participates in the school guardian program.

161 ~~e.f.~~ The sheriff may waive the training and screening-  
162 related costs for a private school or child care facility for a  
163 school guardian training program. Funds provided pursuant to  
164 sub-subparagraph e. may not be used to subsidize any costs that  
165 have been waived by the sheriff. The sheriff may not waive the  
166 training and screening-related costs required to be paid by a  
167 security agency for initial training or ongoing training of a  
168 school security guard.

169 ~~f.g.~~ A person who is certified and in good standing under  
170 the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission,  
171 who meets the qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who  
172 is otherwise qualified for the position of a school guardian or  
173 school security guard may be certified as a school guardian or  
174 school security guard by the sheriff without completing the  
175 training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b. However, a person

176 certified as a school guardian or school security guard under  
177 this sub-subparagraph must meet the requirements of sub-  
178 subparagraphs 2.c.-e.

179 2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with  
180 the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding  
181 principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as  
182 school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees,  
183 as specified in s. 1006.12(3), or shall certify as school  
184 security guards those persons employed by a security agency who  
185 meet the criteria specified in s. 1006.12(4), and who:

186 a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06 or are  
187 otherwise eligible to possess or carry a concealed firearm under  
188 chapter 790.

189 b. After satisfying the requirements of s. 1006.12(7),  
190 complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12 hours of  
191 training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and skills  
192 necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on school  
193 premises and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and  
194 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and  
195 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

196 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the  
197 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law  
198 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least  
199 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than  
200 associated with academy training. Program participants must

201 | achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.  
202 |       (II) Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.  
203 |       (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction  
204 | using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.  
205 |       (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or  
206 | assailant scenarios.  
207 |       (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.  
208 |       (VI) Four hours of instruction in legal issues.  
209 |       c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
210 | psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the  
211 | Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
212 | evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law  
213 | Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with  
214 | mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this  
215 | paragraph.  
216 |       d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent  
217 | random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
218 | 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.  
219 |       e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
220 | inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual  
221 | basis.  
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223 | The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the  
224 | training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.  
225 | shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons who meet

226 | the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of the  
227 | sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and  
228 | equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,  
229 | inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian  
230 | certified by the sheriff. A person who is certified under this  
231 | paragraph may serve as a school guardian under s. 1006.12(3)  
232 | only if he or she is appointed by the applicable school district  
233 | superintendent, charter school principal, public postsecondary  
234 | educational institution president, private school head of  
235 | school, or child care facility owner. A sheriff who conducts the  
236 | training for a school security guard or waives the training  
237 | requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g. and  
238 | determines that the school security guard has met all the  
239 | requirements of s. 1006.12(4) shall issue a school security  
240 | guard certificate to persons who meet the requirements of this  
241 | section to the satisfaction of the sheriff and shall maintain  
242 | documentation of weapon and equipment inspections, training,  
243 | certification, and qualification records for each school  
244 | security guard certified by the sheriff.

245 |       3.a. Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian or  
246 | school security guard certificate, the sheriff who issued the  
247 | certificate must report to the Department of Law Enforcement the  
248 | name, date of birth, and certification date of the school  
249 | guardian or school security guard.

250 |       b. By February 1 and September 1 of each school year, each

251 school district, charter school, employing security agency,  
252 public postsecondary educational institution, private school,  
253 and child care facility must report in the manner prescribed to  
254 the Department of Law Enforcement the name, date of birth, and  
255 appointment date of each person appointed as a school guardian  
256 or employed as a school security guard. The school district,  
257 charter school, employing security agency, public postsecondary  
258 educational institution, private school, and child care facility  
259 must also report in the manner prescribed to the Department of  
260 Law Enforcement the date each school guardian or school security  
261 guard separates from his or her appointment as a school guardian  
262 or employment as a school security guard in a school.

263 c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list  
264 of each person appointed as a school guardian or certified as a  
265 school security guard in the state. The list must include the  
266 name and certification date of each school guardian and school  
267 security guard and the date the person was appointed as a school  
268 guardian or certified as a school security guard, including the  
269 name of the school district, charter school, public  
270 postsecondary educational institution, private school, or child  
271 care facility in which the school guardian is appointed, or the  
272 employing security agency of a school security guard, any  
273 information provided pursuant to s. 1006.12(5), and, if  
274 applicable, the date such person separated from his or her  
275 appointment as a school guardian or the last date a school

276 security guard served in a school as of the last reporting date.  
277 The Department of Law Enforcement shall remove from the list any  
278 person whose training has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph  
279 1.d.

280 d. Each sheriff shall report on a quarterly basis to the  
281 Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming school  
282 guardian trainings, to include guardian trainings for school  
283 security guards, including the dates of the training, the  
284 training locations, a contact person to register for the  
285 training, and the class capacity. If no trainings are scheduled,  
286 the sheriff is not required to report to the Department of Law  
287 Enforcement. The Department of Law Enforcement shall publish on  
288 its website a list of the upcoming school guardian trainings.  
289 The Department of Law Enforcement shall update such list  
290 quarterly.

291 e. A sheriff who fails to report the information required  
292 by this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement from the  
293 Department of Education for school guardian trainings. Upon the  
294 submission of the required information, a sheriff is deemed  
295 eligible for such funding and is authorized to continue to  
296 receive reimbursement for school guardian training.

297 f. A school district, charter school, public postsecondary  
298 educational institution, private school, child care facility, or  
299 employing security agency that fails to report the information  
300 required by this subparagraph is prohibited from operating a

301 school guardian program or employing school security guards in  
 302 the following school year unless the missing information is  
 303 provided.

304 g. By March 1 and October 1 of each school year, the  
 305 Department of Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of  
 306 Education of any sheriff, school district, charter school,  
 307 public postsecondary educational institution, private school, or  
 308 child care facility that has not complied with the reporting  
 309 requirements of this subparagraph.

310 h. The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt rules to  
 311 implement the requirements of this subparagraph, including  
 312 requiring additional reporting information only as necessary to  
 313 uniquely identify each school guardian and school security guard  
 314 reported.

315 Section 2. Effective October 1, 2026, paragraph (d) of  
 316 subsection (2) of section 790.115, Florida Statutes, is amended,  
 317 and subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

318 790.115 Possessing or discharging weapons or firearms at a  
 319 school-sponsored event or on school property prohibited;  
 320 penalties; exceptions.—

321 (2)

322 (d) A person commits a felony of the second degree,  
 323 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,  
 324 if he or she: ~~who~~

325 1. Discharges any weapon or firearm while in violation of

326 paragraph (a), unless discharged for lawful defense of himself  
 327 or herself or another or for a lawful purpose; ~~or~~

328 2. Discharges any weapon or firearm within 1,000 feet of a  
 329 school, during school hours or during the time of a sanctioned  
 330 school activity, unless discharged for lawful defense of himself  
 331 or herself or another or for a lawful purpose. This subparagraph  
 332 does not apply to the discharge of a weapon or firearm on  
 333 private real property within 1,000 feet of a school by the owner  
 334 of such property or by a person whose presence on such property  
 335 has been authorized, licensed, or invited by the owner ~~commits a~~  
 336 ~~felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.~~  
 337 ~~775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.~~

338 (4) A person arrested for a violation of paragraph (2) (d)  
 339 must be held in custody until brought before the court for  
 340 admittance to bail in accordance with chapter 903.

341 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2026, paragraph (f) of  
 342 subsection (3) of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 343 to read:

344 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 345 ranking chart.—

346 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

347 (f) LEVEL 6

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Florida	Felony	
Statute	Degree	Description

349	316.027 (2) (b)	2nd	Leaving the scene of a crash involving serious bodily injury.
350	316.193 (2) (b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent conviction.
351	316.1935 (4) (a)	2nd	Aggravated fleeing or eluding.
352	327.30 (5) (a) 3.	2nd	Vessel accidents involving serious bodily injury; leaving scene.
353	400.9935 (4) (c)	2nd	Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.
354	499.0051 (2)	2nd	Knowing forgery of transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statement.
355	499.0051 (3)	2nd	Knowing purchase or receipt of prescription drug from

unauthorized person.

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499.0051 (4) 2nd Knowing sale or transfer of prescription drug to unauthorized person.

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775.0875 (1) 3rd Taking firearm from law enforcement officer.

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784.021 (1) (a) 3rd Aggravated assault; deadly weapon without intent to kill.

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784.021 (1) (b) 3rd Aggravated assault; intent to commit felony.

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784.041 3rd Felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation.

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784.048 (3) 3rd Aggravated stalking; credible threat.

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784.048 (5) 3rd Aggravated stalking of person under 16.

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784.07 (2) (c) 2nd Aggravated assault on law

enforcement officer.

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- 784.074 (1) (b)            2nd    Aggravated assault on sexually violent predators facility staff.
- 784.08 (2) (b)            2nd    Aggravated assault on a person 65 years of age or older.
- 784.081 (2)                2nd    Aggravated assault on specified official or employee.
- 784.082 (2)                2nd    Aggravated assault by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
- 784.083 (2)                2nd    Aggravated assault on code inspector.
- 787.02 (2)                 3rd    False imprisonment; restraining with purpose other than those in s. 787.01.
- 787.025 (2) (a)            3rd    Luring or enticing a child.

372	790.115 (2) (d)	2nd	Discharging firearm or weapon on school property <u>or within 1,000 feet of a school.</u>
373	790.161 (2)	2nd	Make, possess, or throw destructive device with intent to do bodily harm or damage property.
374	790.164 (1)	2nd	False report concerning bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction, act of arson or violence to state property, or use of firearms in violent manner.
375	790.19	2nd	Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.
376	794.011 (8) (a)	3rd	Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.
	794.05 (1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with

specified minor.

377 800.04 (5) (d) 3rd Lewd or lascivious molestation;  
victim 12 years of age or older  
but less than 16 years of age;  
offender less than 18 years.

378 800.04 (6) (b) 2nd Lewd or lascivious conduct;  
offender 18 years of age or  
older.

379 806.031 (2) 2nd Arson resulting in great bodily  
harm to firefighter or any  
other person.

380 810.02 (3) (c) 2nd Burglary of occupied structure;  
unarmed; no assault or battery.

381 810.145 (8) (b) 2nd Digital voyeurism; certain  
minor victims; 2nd or  
subsequent offense.

382 812.014 (2) (b) 1. 2nd Property stolen \$20,000 or  
more, but less than \$100,000,  
grand theft in 2nd degree.

383	812.014 (2) (c) 5.	3rd	Grand theft; third degree; firearm.
384	812.014 (6)	2nd	Theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
385	812.015 (9) (a)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$750 or more; second or subsequent conviction.
386	812.015 (9) (b)	2nd	Retail theft; aggregated property stolen within 120 days is \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
387	812.015 (9) (d)	2nd	Retail theft; multiple thefts within specified period.
388	812.015 (9) (e)	2nd	Retail theft; committed with specified number of other persons and use of social media platform.
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390	812.13 (2) (c)	2nd	Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).
391	817.4821 (5)	2nd	Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.
392	817.49 (2) (b) 2.	2nd	Willful making of a false report of a crime resulting in death.
393	817.505 (4) (b)	2nd	Patient brokering; 10 or more patients.
394	817.5695 (3) (b)	2nd	Exploitation of person 65 years of age or older, value \$10,000 or more, but less than \$50,000.
395	825.102 (1)	3rd	Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.
396	825.102 (3) (c)	3rd	Neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
	825.1025 (3)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation

of an elderly person or  
disabled adult.

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825.103 (3) (c) 3rd Exploiting an elderly person or  
disabled adult and property is  
valued at less than \$10,000.

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827.03 (2) (c) 3rd Abuse of a child.

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827.03 (2) (d) 3rd Neglect of a child.

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827.071 (5) 3rd Possess, control, or  
intentionally view any  
photographic material, motion  
picture, etc., which includes  
child pornography.

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828.126 (3) 3rd Sexual activities involving  
animals.

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836.05 2nd Threats; extortion.

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836.10 2nd Written or electronic threats  
to kill, do bodily injury, or  
conduct a mass shooting or an

act of terrorism.

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843.12 3rd Aids or assists person to  
escape.

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847.011 3rd Distributing, offering to  
distribute, or possessing with  
intent to distribute obscene  
materials depicting minors.

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847.012 3rd Knowingly using a minor in the  
production of materials harmful  
to minors.

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847.0135(2) 3rd Facilitates sexual conduct of  
or with a minor or the visual  
depiction of such conduct.

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893.131 2nd Distribution of controlled  
substances resulting in  
overdose or serious bodily  
injury.

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914.23 2nd Retaliation against a witness,  
victim, or informant, with

bodily injury.

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918.13 (2) (b) 2nd Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence relating to a capital felony.

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944.35 (3) (a) 2. 3rd Committing malicious battery upon or inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment on an inmate or offender on community supervision, resulting in great bodily harm.

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944.40 2nd Escapes.

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944.46 3rd Harboring, concealing, aiding escaped prisoners.

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944.47 (1) (a) 5. 2nd Introduction of contraband (firearm, weapon, or explosive) into correctional facility.

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951.22 (1) (i) 3rd Firearm or weapon introduced into county detention facility.

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417 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
418 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is  
419 added to that subsection, to read:

420 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

421 (4) (a) Law enforcement dispatch centers, school districts,  
422 schools, postsecondary institutions, and other entities  
423 identified by the department must be made aware of the mobile  
424 suspicious activity reporting tool.

425 (c) Each public postsecondary educational institution, as  
426 defined in s. 1000.04(3), that does not have an existing public  
427 safety reporting application as of July 1, 2026, shall promote  
428 the use of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by  
429 advertising it on the institution website, by installing it on  
430 all mobile devices issued by the institution, and by bookmarking  
431 the website on all computer devices maintained by the  
432 institution.

433 Section 5. Section 1001.2921, Florida Statutes, is amended  
434 to read:

435 1001.2921 Security funding for Catholic schools and Jewish  
436 day schools and preschools.—

437 (1) As authorized by and consistent with funds  
438 appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, the Department  
439 of Education shall establish a program to provide funds to make  
440 Catholic schools and full-time Jewish day schools and preschools  
441 in the state secure with professional security hardening, as

442 needed, to better secure facilities of such schools and  
443 preschools and to protect their students. Based on a risk  
444 assessment by law enforcement or a private security company,  
445 recurring funds shall be used towards:

446 (a) The purchase and installation of security cameras,  
447 perimeter lighting, perimeter fencing, and shatter-resistant  
448 glass for windows.

449 (b) Hiring or contracting with security personnel who are  
450 licensed and regulated by the state and insured.

451 (c) Expenses relating to transportation to minimize  
452 security exposure of staff, parents, and students.

453 (d) Other nonhardening security measures, including, but  
454 not limited to, providing professional detection, prevention,  
455 and security services to such schools and preschools.

456 (2) Funds shall be provided to Catholic elementary, middle  
457 and high schools in the following order of priority:

458 (a) The school is supported by an archdiocese, and law  
459 enforcement responded to a threat of a potential shooter during  
460 the 2025-2026 school year.

461 (b) The school is supported by an archdiocese or diocese.

462 (3)-(2) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
463 administer this section.

464 Section 6. Subsection (4) is added to section 1003.25,  
465 Florida Statutes, and subsection (2) of that section is  
466 republished, to read:

467 1003.25 Procedures for maintenance and transfer of student  
468 records.—

469 (2) The procedure for transferring and maintaining records  
470 of students who transfer from school to school is prescribed by  
471 rules of the State Board of Education. The transfer of records  
472 must occur within 5 school days. The records must include, if  
473 applicable:

474 (a) Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior  
475 patterns, including any threat assessment report, all  
476 corresponding documentation, and any other information required  
477 by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument  
478 pursuant to s. 1001.212(11) which contains the evaluation,  
479 intervention, and management of the threat assessment  
480 evaluations and intervention services.

481 (b) Psychological evaluations, including therapeutic  
482 treatment plans and therapy or progress notes created or  
483 maintained by school district or charter school staff, as  
484 appropriate.

485 (4) When the education records of a student contain the  
486 documents described in subsection (2) and the student enrolls in  
487 a Florida College System institution or state university, such  
488 records must be transferred to his or her institution or  
489 university of enrollment. The State Board of Education and the  
490 Board of Governors shall adopt rules and regulations,  
491 respectively, to establish the procedures for the transfer of a

492 student's threat assessment report pursuant to this subsection.

493 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) and paragraph  
494 (g) of subsection (7) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are  
495 amended to read:

496 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
497 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
498 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
499 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
500 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
501 welfare of students, including:

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

507 (a) School safety specialist.—Each district school  
508 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for  
509 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school  
510 administrator employed by the school district or a law  
511 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in  
512 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated  
513 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved  
514 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school  
515 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains  
516 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,

517 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized  
518 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's  
519 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine  
520 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the  
521 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer  
522 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must  
523 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist  
524 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year  
525 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and  
526 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,  
527 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school  
528 safety specialist, or his or her designee, shall:

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

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

542 security. Such training for classroom teachers and other members  
543 of instructional staff must explain the purpose, importance, and  
544 proper execution of school safety protocols and emergency  
545 procedures.

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

549 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety  
550 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of  
551 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each  
552 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool  
553 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.  
554 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's  
555 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the  
556 district school superintendent and the district school board  
557 which identify strategies and activities that the district  
558 school board should implement in order to address the findings  
559 and improve school safety and security. Each district school  
560 board must receive such findings and the school safety  
561 specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district  
562 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to  
563 hear the district school board members discuss and take action  
564 on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety  
565 specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall  
566 report such findings and school board action to the Office of

567 Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board  
 568 meeting.

569 5. Conduct annual unannounced inspections, using the form  
 570 adopted by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.  
 571 1001.212(13), of all public schools, including charter schools,  
 572 while school is in session and investigate reports of  
 573 noncompliance with school safety requirements.

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

577 (7) THREAT MANAGEMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board  
 578 and charter school governing board shall establish a threat  
 579 management team at each school whose duties include the  
 580 coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with  
 581 students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of the  
 582 school, school staff, or students.

583 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state  
 584 and local agencies and programs that provide services to  
 585 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or  
 586 a mental illness, including the school districts, charter  
 587 schools, school personnel, state universities, Florida College  
 588 System institutions, state and local law enforcement agencies,  
 589 the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children  
 590 and Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health  
 591 Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities,

592 the Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian ad Litem  
593 Office, and any service or support provider contracting with  
594 such agencies, may share with each other records or information  
595 that are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter  
596 119 if the records or information are reasonably necessary to  
597 ensure access to appropriate services for the student or to  
598 ensure the safety of the student or others. All such state and  
599 local agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and  
600 coordinate efforts to serve such students.

601 Section 8. Section 1006.601, Florida Statutes, is created  
602 to read:

603 1006.601 Active Response and Mitigation of On-Campus Risks  
604 (ARMOR) Act.—

605 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Active  
606 Response and Mitigation of On-Campus Risks (ARMOR) Act."

607 (2) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "public  
608 postsecondary educational institution" has the same meaning as  
609 in s. 1000.04(3).

610 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIANS.—

611 (a) Public postsecondary educational institutions are  
612 authorized to participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis,  
613 and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program and may appoint  
614 certified school guardians pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k).

615 (b) An employee or faculty member, who is not a student,  
616 of a public postsecondary educational institution may serve as a

617 school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned activities for  
618 purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory completion of the  
619 requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and certification by a  
620 sheriff.

621 (4) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—

622 (a) Response plans.—Each public postsecondary educational  
623 institution shall:

624 1. Adopt an active assailant response plan, which shall  
625 include methods for issuing emergency notifications pursuant to  
626 20 U.S.C. s. 1092(f), and annually certify that all faculty,  
627 staff, and students have completed active assailant preparedness  
628 training. The plan must clearly identify all personnel who may  
629 issue such emergency notifications.

630 2. Adopt, in cooperation with local law enforcement  
631 agencies and local government, a family reunification plan to  
632 reunite students and employees with their families in the event  
633 that an institution is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to a  
634 natural or manmade disaster. This reunification plan must be  
635 reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

636 (b) Student mental health.—Each public postsecondary  
637 educational institution shall:

638 1. Train faculty to detect and respond to mental health  
639 issues as well as connect students who may experience behavioral  
640 health issues with appropriate services, both on campus and in  
641 the community, including crisis intervention.

642 2. Post on its website and in conspicuous locations at  
643 each institution a mental health awareness and suicide  
644 prevention sign that identifies ways a person can access help  
645 and services. Physical signs must be at least 11 inches by 15  
646 inches in size and must be printed in an easily legible font and  
647 in at least 32-point type.

648 3. Establish threat management teams whose duties include  
649 the coordination of resources and assessment and intervention  
650 with students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of  
651 the institution, institution staff, or students. The threat  
652 management team must use the statewide behavioral threat  
653 management operational process and Florida-specific behavioral  
654 threat assessment instrument developed by the Office of Safe  
655 Schools pursuant to s. 1001.212(11) or another comparable tool  
656 deemed appropriate for postsecondary institutions by the State  
657 Board of Education and Board of Governors.

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659 The Commissioner of Education and the Chancellor of the State  
660 University System shall provide guidance on when and how  
661 administrators, mental health providers, and other appropriate  
662 personnel are legally entitled to share and receive information  
663 about individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others,  
664 including, but not limited to, the transmission of education  
665 records pursuant to s. 1003.25(4).

666 (c) Security risk assessment.—Each public postsecondary

667 educational institution, in collaboration with appropriate  
668 public safety agencies, as defined in s. 365.171(3)(d), shall  
669 annually conduct a security risk assessment at each campus using  
670 the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool developed by the Office  
671 of Safe Schools pursuant to s. 1006.1493 or another comparable  
672 tool deemed appropriate for postsecondary institutions by the  
673 State Board of Education and Board of Governors. Subject to an  
674 appropriation, the institution may apply for grant funds for  
675 security improvements to its campus based on findings in the  
676 security risk assessment.

677 (d) Student, faculty, and staff supports.—Each public  
678 postsecondary educational institution must adopt policies and  
679 procedures to support students, faculty, and staff who are the  
680 victims of an incident constituting an act of violence or an  
681 attempted act of violence or who are subjected to a credible  
682 threat as defined in s. 784.048(1)(c). The policies shall:

683 1. Outline the supports available to affected persons,  
684 which may include work or class relocation, security escorts,  
685 and restricting access to certain areas by individuals who  
686 created the incident.

687 2. Provide for timely updates to an affected person  
688 regarding any action taken by the institution in response to the  
689 incident.

690 (5) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The State Board of Education  
691 and the Board of Governors may adopt rules and regulations,

692 respectively, to implement this section.

693 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
694 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a  
695 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (19) of section  
696 402.305, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

697 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

698 (19) SAFE-SCHOOL OFFICERS.—

699 (a) A child care facility may partner with a law  
700 enforcement agency or a security agency to establish or assign  
701 one or more safe-school officers established in s. 1006.12(1)-  
702 (4). The child care facility is responsible for the full cost of  
703 implementing any such option, which includes all training costs  
704 under the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel  
705 Guardian Program under s. 30.15(1)(k).

706 Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
707 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a  
708 reference thereto, section 843.08, Florida Statutes, is  
709 reenacted to read:

710 843.08 False personation.—A person who falsely assumes or  
711 pretends to be a firefighter, a sheriff, an officer of the  
712 Florida Highway Patrol, an officer of the Fish and Wildlife  
713 Conservation Commission, an officer of the Department of  
714 Environmental Protection, an officer of the Department of  
715 Financial Services, any personnel or representative of the  
716 Division of Criminal Investigations, an officer of the

717 Department of Corrections, a correctional probation officer, a  
718 deputy sheriff, a state attorney or an assistant state attorney,  
719 a statewide prosecutor or an assistant statewide prosecutor, a  
720 state attorney investigator, a coroner, a police officer, a  
721 lottery special agent or lottery investigator, a beverage  
722 enforcement agent, a school guardian as described in s.  
723 30.15(1)(k), a security officer licensed under chapter 493, any  
724 member of the Florida Commission on Offender Review or any  
725 administrative aide or supervisor employed by the commission,  
726 any personnel or representative of the Department of Law  
727 Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement officer as defined in  
728 s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as such,  
729 or to require any other person to aid or assist him or her in a  
730 matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer, commits a  
731 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
732 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who  
733 falsely personates any such officer during the course of the  
734 commission of a felony commits a felony of the second degree,  
735 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
736 If the commission of the felony results in the death or personal  
737 injury of another human being, the person commits a felony of  
738 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
739 775.083, or s. 775.084. In determining whether a defendant has  
740 violated this section, the court or jury may consider any  
741 relevant evidence, including, but not limited to, whether the

742 defendant used lights in violation of s. 316.2397 or s. 843.081.

743 Section 11. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
744 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a  
745 reference thereto, subsection (16) of section 943.03, Florida  
746 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

747 943.03 Department of Law Enforcement.—

748 (16) Upon request, the department shall consult with  
749 sheriffs to provide input regarding programmatic guiding  
750 principles, practices, and resources in order to assist in the  
751 development and implementation of the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron  
752 Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program established  
753 pursuant to s. 30.15. Such input and guidance may include, but  
754 need not be limited to, standards, curriculum, instructional  
755 strategies, evaluation, certification, records retention,  
756 equipment, and other resource needs.

757 Section 12. For the purpose of incorporating the  
758 amendments made by this act to sections 943.082 and 1006.07,  
759 Florida Statutes, in references thereto, subsections (1), (4),  
760 and (10) of section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to  
761 read:

762 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the  
763 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office  
764 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The  
765 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,  
766 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters

767 regarding school safety and security, including prevention  
768 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness  
769 planning. The office shall:

770 (1) Establish and update as necessary a school security  
771 risk assessment tool for use by school districts pursuant to s.  
772 1006.07(6). The office shall make the security risk assessment  
773 tool available for use by charter schools. The office shall  
774 provide annual training to appropriate school district and  
775 charter school personnel on the proper assessment of physical  
776 site security and completion of the school security risk  
777 assessment tool.

778 (4) Develop and implement a School Safety Specialist  
779 Training Program for school safety specialists appointed  
780 pursuant to s. 1006.07(6). The office shall develop the training  
781 program which shall be based on national and state best  
782 practices on school safety and security and must include active  
783 shooter training. The office shall develop training modules in  
784 traditional or online formats. A school safety specialist  
785 certificate of completion shall be awarded to a school safety  
786 specialist who satisfactorily completes the training required by  
787 rules of the office.

788 (10) Disseminate, in consultation with the Department of  
789 Law Enforcement, to participating schools awareness and  
790 education materials on the proper use of the School Safety  
791 Awareness Program developed pursuant to s. 943.082, including

792 the consequences of knowingly submitting false information.

793 Section 13. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
794 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a  
795 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (3), paragraph  
796 (a) of subsection (4), and subsection (7) of section 1006.12,  
797 Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

798 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For  
799 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,  
800 students, and visitors, each district school board and school  
801 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement  
802 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more  
803 safe-school officers at each school facility within the  
804 district, including charter schools. A district school board  
805 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to  
806 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer  
807 options available under this section. The school district may  
808 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)–(4)  
809 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter  
810 schools.

811 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

812 (a) At the school district's or the charter school  
813 governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.  
814 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may  
815 participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach  
816 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of

817 establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals  
818 may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned  
819 activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory  
820 completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and  
821 certification by a sheriff:

822 1. A school district employee or personnel, as defined  
823 under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided  
824 under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school  
825 guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

826 2. An employee of a school district or a charter school  
827 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school  
828 guardian.

829 (4) SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD.—A school district or charter  
830 school governing board may contract with a security agency as  
831 defined in s. 493.6101(18) to employ as a school security guard  
832 an individual who holds a Class "D" and Class "G" license  
833 pursuant to chapter 493, provided the following training and  
834 contractual conditions are met:

835 (a) An individual who serves as a school security guard,  
836 for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section,  
837 must:

838 1. Demonstrate completion of 144 hours of required  
839 training conducted by a sheriff pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k) 2.

840 2. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
841 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the

842 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
843 evaluation to the sheriff's office and school district, charter  
844 school governing board, or employing security agency, as  
845 applicable. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized to  
846 provide the sheriff's office, school district, charter school  
847 governing board, or employing security agency with mental health  
848 and substance abuse data for compliance with this paragraph.

849 3. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent  
850 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
851 112.0455 and the sheriff's office, school district, charter  
852 school governing board, or employing security agency, as  
853 applicable.

854 4. Be approved to work as a school security guard by the  
855 sheriff of each county in which the school security guard will  
856 be assigned to a school before commencing work at any school in  
857 that county. The sheriff's approval authorizes the security  
858 agency to assign the school security guard to any school in the  
859 county, and the sheriff's approval is not limited to any  
860 particular school.

861 5. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
862 inspection, and firearm qualification conducted by a sheriff  
863 pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.e. on at least an annual basis and  
864 provide documentation to the sheriff's office, school district,  
865 charter school governing board, or employing security agency, as  
866 applicable.

867 (7) LIMITATIONS.—An individual must satisfy the background  
868 screening, psychological evaluation, and drug test requirements  
869 and be approved by the sheriff before participating in any  
870 training required by s. 30.15(1)(k), which may be conducted only  
871 by a sheriff.

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873 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,  
874 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any  
875 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school  
876 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety  
877 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the  
878 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource  
879 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school  
880 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.  
881 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

882 Section 14. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
883 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.