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1
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. 1003.25, F.S.; requiring

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

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51 of Governors to adopt rules and regulations,
 52 respectively; reenacting ss. 402.305(19)(a), 843.08,
 53 943.03(16), 1001.212(1) and (4), and 1006.12(3)(a),
 54 (4)(a), and (7), F.S., relating to licensing standards
 55 for child care facilities, false personation, the
 56 Department of Law Enforcement, the Office of Safe
 57 Schools, and safe-school officers at each public
 58 school, respectively; providing effective dates.

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

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 62 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section
 63 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

64 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

65 (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or
 66 by deputy, shall:

67 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school
 68 governing boards in complying with, or private schools or child
 69 care facilities, as defined in s. 402.302, in exercising options
 70 in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must also assist public postsecondary
 71 educational institutions, as described in s. 1000.04(3), in
 72 implementing a guardian program under s. 1006.601. A sheriff
 73 shall, at a minimum, provide access to a Chris Hixon, Coach
 74 Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program to aid in
 75 the prevention or abatement of active assailant incidents on

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76 school premises, as required under this paragraph. Persons
 77 certified as school guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no
 78 authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the
 79 extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant
 80 incident.

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

96 b. Upon the request of a private school, child care
 97 facility, public postsecondary educational institution, or A
 98 charter school governing board in a school district that has not
 99 implemented ~~voted, or has declined, to implement~~ a guardian
 100 program, ~~may request~~ the sheriff in the county must ~~to~~ establish

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

116 ~~e. A private school or child care facility in a school~~
117 ~~district that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a~~
118 ~~guardian program may request that the sheriff in the county of~~
119 ~~the private school or child care facility establish a guardian~~
120 ~~program for the purpose of training private school employees,~~
121 ~~child care facility employees, or school security guards. If the~~
122 ~~county sheriff denies the request, the private school or child~~
123 ~~care facility may contract with a sheriff from another county~~
124 ~~who has established a guardian program under subparagraph 2. to~~
125 ~~provide such training. The private school or child care facility~~

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

136 c.d. The training program required in sub-subparagraph
137 2.b. is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff
138 providing such training shall adhere to the course of
139 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. The costs for
140 the training program shall be consistent with guidelines
141 established by the Florida Sheriffs Association. This
142 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing
143 additional training. Any additional training shall be provided
144 at no cost to a private school, child care facility, or security
145 agency. A school guardian or school security guard who has
146 completed the training program required in sub-subparagraph 2.b.
147 may not be required to attend another sheriff's training program
148 pursuant to that sub-subparagraph unless there has been at least
149 a 1-year break in his or her appointment as a guardian or
150 employment by a security agency as a school security guard in a

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151 school.

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

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

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

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

183 a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06 or are
 184 otherwise eligible to possess or carry a concealed firearm under
 185 chapter 790.

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

193 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the
 194 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law
 195 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least
 196 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than
 197 associated with academy training. Program participants must
 198 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

199 (II) Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

200 (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction

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201 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

202 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or
203 assailant scenarios.

204 (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

205 (VI) Four hours of instruction in legal issues.

206 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
207 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
208 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
209 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law
210 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with
211 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
212 paragraph.

213 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
214 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
215 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

216 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
217 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
218 basis.

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220 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the
221 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.g.
222 shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons who meet
223 the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of the
224 sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and
225 equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,

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

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

247 b. By February 1 and September 1 of each school year, each
248 school district, charter school, employing security agency,
249 public postsecondary educational institution, private school,
250 and child care facility must report in the manner prescribed to

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

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

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276 1.d.

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

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

294 f. A school district, charter school, public postsecondary
295 educational institution, private school, child care facility, or
296 employing security agency that fails to report the information
297 required by this subparagraph is prohibited from operating a
298 school guardian program or employing school security guards in
299 the following school year unless the missing information is
300 provided.

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

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

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

315 790.115 Possessing or discharging weapons or firearms at a
 316 school-sponsored event or on school property prohibited;
 317 penalties; exceptions.—

318 (2)

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

322 1. Discharges any weapon or firearm while in violation of
 323 paragraph (a), unless discharged for lawful defense of himself
 324 or herself or another or for a lawful purpose; ~~or~~

325 2. Discharges any weapon or firearm within 1,000 feet of a

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

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

338 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2026, paragraph (f) of
 339 subsection (3) of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended
 340 to read:

341 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity
 342 ranking chart.—

343 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

344 (f) LEVEL 6

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
316.027 (2) (b)	2nd	Leaving the scene of a crash involving serious bodily

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injury.

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316.193 (2) (b) 3rd Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent conviction.

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316.1935 (4) (a) 2nd Aggravated fleeing or eluding.

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327.30 (5) (a) 3. 2nd Vessel accidents involving serious bodily injury; leaving scene.

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400.9935 (4) (c) 2nd Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.

351

499.0051 (2) 2nd Knowing forgery of transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statement.

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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

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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

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violent predators facility
staff.

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784.08 (2) (b) 2nd Aggravated assault on a person
65 years of age or older.

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784.081 (2) 2nd Aggravated assault on specified
official or employee.

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784.082 (2) 2nd Aggravated assault by detained
person on visitor or other
detainee.

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784.083 (2) 2nd Aggravated assault on code
inspector.

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787.02 (2) 3rd False imprisonment; restraining
with purpose other than those
in s. 787.01.

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787.025 (2) (a) 3rd Luring or enticing a child.

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790.115 (2) (d) 2nd Discharging firearm or weapon
on school property or within
1,000 feet of a school.

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369	790.161 (2)	2nd	Make, possess, or throw destructive device with intent to do bodily harm or damage property.
370	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.
371	790.19	2nd	Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.
372	794.011 (8) (a)	3rd	Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.
373	794.05 (1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.
374	800.04 (5) (d)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation;

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victim 12 years of age or older
but less than 16 years of age;
offender less than 18 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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812.014 (2) (c) 5. 3rd Grand theft; third degree;
firearm.

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381	812.014 (6)	2nd	Theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
382	812.015 (9) (a)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$750 or more; second or subsequent conviction.
383	812.015 (9) (b)	2nd	Retail theft; aggregated property stolen within 120 days is \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
384	812.015 (9) (d)	2nd	Retail theft; multiple thefts within specified period.
385	812.015 (9) (e)	2nd	Retail theft; committed with specified number of other persons and use of social media platform.
386	812.13 (2) (c)	2nd	Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).
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388	817.4821 (5)	2nd	Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.
389	817.49 (2) (b) 2.	2nd	Willful making of a false report of a crime resulting in death.
390	817.505 (4) (b)	2nd	Patient brokering; 10 or more patients.
391	817.5695 (3) (b)	2nd	Exploitation of person 65 years of age or older, value \$10,000 or more, but less than \$50,000.
392	825.102 (1)	3rd	Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.
393	825.102 (3) (c)	3rd	Neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
394	825.1025 (3)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation of an elderly person or disabled adult.

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395	825.103 (3) (c)	3rd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at less than \$10,000.
396	827.03 (2) (c)	3rd	Abuse of a child.
397	827.03 (2) (d)	3rd	Neglect of a child.
398	827.071 (5)	3rd	Possess, control, or intentionally view any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes child pornography.
399	828.126 (3)	3rd	Sexual activities involving animals.
400	836.05	2nd	Threats; extortion.
401	836.10	2nd	Written or electronic threats to kill, do bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.
	843.12	3rd	Aids or assists person to

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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

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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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414 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
415 943.082, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
416 added to that subsection, to read:

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417 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

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

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

430 Section 5. Subsection (4) is added to section 1003.25,
 431 Florida Statutes, and subsection (2) of that section is
 432 republished, to read:

433 1003.25 Procedures for maintenance and transfer of student
 434 records.—

435 (2) The procedure for transferring and maintaining records
 436 of students who transfer from school to school is prescribed by
 437 rules of the State Board of Education. The transfer of records
 438 must occur within 5 school days. The records must include, if
 439 applicable:

440 (a) Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior
 441 patterns, including any threat assessment report, all

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442 corresponding documentation, and any other information required
443 by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument
444 pursuant to s. 1001.212(11) which contains the evaluation,
445 intervention, and management of the threat assessment
446 evaluations and intervention services.

447 (b) Psychological evaluations, including therapeutic
448 treatment plans and therapy or progress notes created or
449 maintained by school district or charter school staff, as
450 appropriate.

451 (4) When the education records of a student contain the
452 documents described in subsection (2) and the student enrolls in
453 a Florida College System institution or state university, such
454 records must be transferred to his or her institution or
455 university of enrollment. The State Board of Education and the
456 Board of Governors shall adopt rules and regulations,
457 respectively, to establish the procedures for the transfer of a
458 student's threat assessment report pursuant to this subsection.

459 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) and paragraph
460 (g) of subsection (7) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are
461 amended to read:

462 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
463 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
464 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
465 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
466 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the

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467 welfare of students, including:

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

473 (a) School safety specialist.—Each district school
474 superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for
475 the district. The school safety specialist must be a school
476 administrator employed by the school district or a law
477 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in
478 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated
479 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved
480 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school
481 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains
482 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,
483 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized
484 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's
485 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine
486 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the
487 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer
488 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must
489 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist
490 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year
491 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and

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492 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,
493 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school
494 safety specialist, or his or her designee, shall:

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

504 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to
505 students and school district staff in matters relating to youth
506 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures,
507 including active shooter training; and school safety and
508 security. Such training for classroom teachers and other members
509 of instructional staff must explain the purpose, importance, and
510 proper execution of school safety protocols and emergency
511 procedures.

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

515 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety
516 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of

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517 | each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each
518 | public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
519 | developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
520 | 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's
521 | school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the
522 | district school superintendent and the district school board
523 | which identify strategies and activities that the district
524 | school board should implement in order to address the findings
525 | and improve school safety and security. Each district school
526 | board must receive such findings and the school safety
527 | specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district
528 | school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to
529 | hear the district school board members discuss and take action
530 | on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety
531 | specialist, through the district school superintendent, shall
532 | report such findings and school board action to the Office of
533 | Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board
534 | meeting.

535 | 5. Conduct annual unannounced inspections, using the form
536 | adopted by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s.
537 | 1001.212(13), of all public schools, including charter schools,
538 | while school is in session and investigate reports of
539 | noncompliance with school safety requirements.

540 | 6. Report violations of paragraph (f) by administrative
541 | personnel and instructional personnel to the district school

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542 superintendent or charter school administrator, as applicable.

543 (7) THREAT MANAGEMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board
544 and charter school governing board shall establish a threat
545 management team at each school whose duties include the
546 coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with
547 students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of the
548 school, school staff, or students.

549 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state
550 and local agencies and programs that provide services to
551 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or
552 a mental illness, including the school districts, charter
553 schools, school personnel, state universities, Florida College
554 System institutions, state and local law enforcement agencies,
555 the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children
556 and Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health
557 Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities,
558 the Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian ad Litem
559 Office, and any service or support provider contracting with
560 such agencies, may share with each other records or information
561 that are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter
562 119 if the records or information are reasonably necessary to
563 ensure access to appropriate services for the student or to
564 ensure the safety of the student or others. All such state and
565 local agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and
566 coordinate efforts to serve such students.

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567 Section 7. Section 1006.601, Florida Statutes, is created
568 to read:

569 1006.601 Active Response and Mitigation of On-Campus Risks
570 (ARMOR) Act.—

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

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

576 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIANS.—

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

581 (b) An employee or faculty member, who is not a student,
582 of a public postsecondary educational institution may serve as a
583 school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned activities for
584 purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory completion of the
585 requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and certification by a
586 sheriff.

587 (4) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—

588 (a) Response plans.—Each public postsecondary educational
589 institution shall:

590 1. Adopt an active assailant response plan, which shall
591 include methods for issuing emergency notifications pursuant to

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592 20 U.S.C. s. 1092(f), and annually certify that all faculty,
593 staff, and students have completed active assailant preparedness
594 training. The plan must clearly identify all personnel who may
595 issue such emergency notifications.

596 2. Adopt, in cooperation with local law enforcement
597 agencies and local government, a family reunification plan to
598 reunite students and employees with their families in the event
599 that an institution is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to a
600 natural or manmade disaster. This reunification plan must be
601 reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

602 (b) Student mental health.—Each public postsecondary
603 educational institution shall:

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

608 2. Post on its website and in conspicuous locations at
609 each institution a mental health awareness and suicide
610 prevention sign that identifies ways a person can access help
611 and services. Physical signs must be at least 11 inches by 15
612 inches in size and must be printed in an easily legible font and
613 in at least 32-point type.

614 3. Establish threat management teams whose duties include
615 the coordination of resources and assessment and intervention
616 with students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of

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617 the institution, institution staff, or students. The threat
618 management team must use the statewide behavioral threat
619 management operational process and Florida-specific behavioral
620 threat assessment instrument developed by the Office of Safe
621 Schools pursuant to s. 1001.212(11) or another comparable tool
622 deemed appropriate for postsecondary institutions by the State
623 Board of Education and Board of Governors.

624
625 The Commissioner of Education and the Chancellor of the State
626 University System shall provide guidance on when and how
627 administrators, mental health providers, and other appropriate
628 personnel are legally entitled to share and receive information
629 about individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others,
630 including, but not limited to, the transmission of education
631 records pursuant to s. 1003.25(4).

632 (c) Security risk assessment.—Each public postsecondary
633 educational institution, in collaboration with appropriate
634 public safety agencies, as defined in s. 365.171(3)(d), shall
635 annually conduct a security risk assessment at each campus using
636 the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool developed by the Office
637 of Safe Schools pursuant to s. 1006.1493 or another comparable
638 tool deemed appropriate for postsecondary institutions by the
639 State Board of Education and Board of Governors. Subject to an
640 appropriation, the institution may apply for grant funds for
641 security improvements to its campus based on findings in the

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642 security risk assessment.

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

649 1. Outline the supports available to affected persons,
650 which may include work or class relocation, security escorts,
651 and restricting access to certain areas by individuals who
652 created the incident.

653 2. Provide for timely updates to an affected person
654 regarding any action taken by the institution in response to the
655 incident.

656 (5) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The State Board of Education
657 and the Board of Governors may adopt rules and regulations,
658 respectively, to implement this section.

659 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
660 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a
661 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (19) of section
662 402.305, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

663 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

664 (19) SAFE-SCHOOL OFFICERS.—

665 (a) A child care facility may partner with a law
666 enforcement agency or a security agency to establish or assign

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667 one or more safe-school officers established in s. 1006.12(1)-
 668 (4). The child care facility is responsible for the full cost of
 669 implementing any such option, which includes all training costs
 670 under the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel
 671 Guardian Program under s. 30.15(1)(k).

672 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 673 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a
 674 reference thereto, section 843.08, Florida Statutes, is
 675 reenacted to read:

676 843.08 False personation.—A person who falsely assumes or
 677 pretends to be a firefighter, a sheriff, an officer of the
 678 Florida Highway Patrol, an officer of the Fish and Wildlife
 679 Conservation Commission, an officer of the Department of
 680 Environmental Protection, an officer of the Department of
 681 Financial Services, any personnel or representative of the
 682 Division of Criminal Investigations, an officer of the
 683 Department of Corrections, a correctional probation officer, a
 684 deputy sheriff, a state attorney or an assistant state attorney,
 685 a statewide prosecutor or an assistant statewide prosecutor, a
 686 state attorney investigator, a coroner, a police officer, a
 687 lottery special agent or lottery investigator, a beverage
 688 enforcement agent, a school guardian as described in s.
 689 30.15(1)(k), a security officer licensed under chapter 493, any
 690 member of the Florida Commission on Offender Review or any
 691 administrative aide or supervisor employed by the commission,

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692 any personnel or representative of the Department of Law
 693 Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement officer as defined in
 694 s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as such,
 695 or to require any other person to aid or assist him or her in a
 696 matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer, commits a
 697 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
 698 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who
 699 falsely personates any such officer during the course of the
 700 commission of a felony commits a felony of the second degree,
 701 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
 702 If the commission of the felony results in the death or personal
 703 injury of another human being, the person commits a felony of
 704 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
 705 775.083, or s. 775.084. In determining whether a defendant has
 706 violated this section, the court or jury may consider any
 707 relevant evidence, including, but not limited to, whether the
 708 defendant used lights in violation of s. 316.2397 or s. 843.081.

709 Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 710 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a
 711 reference thereto, subsection (16) of section 943.03, Florida
 712 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

713 943.03 Department of Law Enforcement.—

714 (16) Upon request, the department shall consult with
 715 sheriffs to provide input regarding programmatic guiding
 716 principles, practices, and resources in order to assist in the

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717 development and implementation of the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron
 718 Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program established
 719 pursuant to s. 30.15. Such input and guidance may include, but
 720 need not be limited to, standards, curriculum, instructional
 721 strategies, evaluation, certification, records retention,
 722 equipment, and other resource needs.

723 Section 11. For the purpose of incorporating the
 724 amendments made by this act to sections 943.082 and 1006.07,
 725 Florida Statutes, in references thereto, subsections (1), (4),
 726 and (10) of section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to
 727 read:

728 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
 729 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
 730 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
 731 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
 732 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
 733 regarding school safety and security, including prevention
 734 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
 735 planning. The office shall:

736 (1) Establish and update as necessary a school security
 737 risk assessment tool for use by school districts pursuant to s.
 738 1006.07(6). The office shall make the security risk assessment
 739 tool available for use by charter schools. The office shall
 740 provide annual training to appropriate school district and
 741 charter school personnel on the proper assessment of physical

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742 site security and completion of the school security risk
743 assessment tool.

744 (4) Develop and implement a School Safety Specialist
745 Training Program for school safety specialists appointed
746 pursuant to s. 1006.07(6). The office shall develop the training
747 program which shall be based on national and state best
748 practices on school safety and security and must include active
749 shooter training. The office shall develop training modules in
750 traditional or online formats. A school safety specialist
751 certificate of completion shall be awarded to a school safety
752 specialist who satisfactorily completes the training required by
753 rules of the office.

754 (10) Disseminate, in consultation with the Department of
755 Law Enforcement, to participating schools awareness and
756 education materials on the proper use of the School Safety
757 Awareness Program developed pursuant to s. 943.082, including
758 the consequences of knowingly submitting false information.

759 Section 12. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
760 made by this act to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, in a
761 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (3), paragraph
762 (a) of subsection (4), and subsection (7) of section 1006.12,
763 Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

764 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
765 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
766 students, and visitors, each district school board and school

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

777 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—

778 (a) At the school district's or the charter school
 779 governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s.
 780 30.15, a school district or charter school governing board may
 781 participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach
 782 Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of
 783 establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals
 784 may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned
 785 activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory
 786 completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and
 787 certification by a sheriff:

- 788 1. A school district employee or personnel, as defined
 789 under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided
 790 under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school
 791 guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

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792 2. An employee of a school district or a charter school
793 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school
794 guardian.

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

801 (a) An individual who serves as a school security guard,
802 for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section,
803 must:

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

806 2. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
807 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
808 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
809 evaluation to the sheriff's office and school district, charter
810 school governing board, or employing security agency, as
811 applicable. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized to
812 provide the sheriff's office, school district, charter school
813 governing board, or employing security agency with mental health
814 and substance abuse data for compliance with this paragraph.

815 3. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
816 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.

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817 112.0455 and the sheriff's office, school district, charter
818 school governing board, or employing security agency, as
819 applicable.

820 4. Be approved to work as a school security guard by the
821 sheriff of each county in which the school security guard will
822 be assigned to a school before commencing work at any school in
823 that county. The sheriff's approval authorizes the security
824 agency to assign the school security guard to any school in the
825 county, and the sheriff's approval is not limited to any
826 particular school.

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

833 (7) LIMITATIONS.—An individual must satisfy the background
834 screening, psychological evaluation, and drug test requirements
835 and be approved by the sheriff before participating in any
836 training required by s. 30.15(1)(k), which may be conducted only
837 by a sheriff.

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839 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
840 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
841 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school

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842 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety
843 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the
844 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource
845 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school
846 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.
847 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

848 Section 13. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
849 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.