

By Senator Ring

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to meetings of district school boards;
3 amending s. 1001.372, F.S.; requiring district school
4 boards to convene at least one regular meeting during
5 the evening hours each quarter during the school year
6 and to establish written criteria for convening such a
7 meeting; providing that a district school board is
8 deemed to be in compliance under certain
9 circumstances; revising requirements for calling a
10 special meeting; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1001.372, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1001.372 District school board meetings.—

17 (1) REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.—

18 (a) The district school board shall hold at least not less
19 ~~than~~ one regular meeting each month for the transaction of
20 business according to a schedule arranged by the district school
21 board. The board shall convene at least one regular meeting
22 during the evening hours each quarter during the school year and
23 shall establish written criteria for deciding when to convene
24 the required evening meetings. A district school board is deemed
25 to be in compliance with this paragraph if it maintains, and
26 operates in accordance with, a policy that requires the portion
27 of a regular meeting which is open to public comment to begin no
28 earlier than 4:30 p.m.

29 (b) The district school board and shall convene in a

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30 special meeting ~~sessions~~ when called by the district school
31 superintendent or by the district school superintendent on
32 request of the chair of the district school board, or on request
33 of a majority of the members of the district school board. An
34 action; ~~provided that actions~~ taken at a special meeting has
35 ~~meetings shall have~~ the same force and effect as if taken at a
36 regular meeting, and; ~~and provided further that in the event the~~
37 ~~district school superintendent should fail to call a special~~
38 ~~meeting when requested to do so, as prescribed herein, such a~~
39 ~~meeting may be called by the chair of the district school board~~
40 ~~or by a majority of the members of the district school board by~~
41 ~~giving 2 days' written notice of the time and purpose of the~~
42 ~~meeting to all members and to the district school~~
43 ~~superintendent, in which event the minutes of the meeting must~~
44 ~~shall set forth the facts regarding the procedure in calling the~~
45 ~~meeting and the reason the meeting was called. The minutes must~~
46 ~~therefor and shall~~ be signed ~~either~~ by the chair or by a
47 majority of the members of the district school board.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.