

By the Committees on Infrastructure and Security; and Education

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school safety and security;  
3           amending s. 30.15, F.S.; requiring a sheriff to  
4           establish a school guardian program under a certain  
5           condition; removing the prohibition against classroom  
6           teachers serving as school guardians; prohibiting  
7           individuals from serving as school guardians unless  
8           they are appointed by a superintendent; amending s.  
9           843.08, F.S.; adding school guardians to the list of  
10          officials the false personation of whom is prohibited  
11          and subject to criminal penalties; making technical  
12          changes; amending s. 943.082, F.S.; requiring school  
13          districts to promote a mobile suspicious activity  
14          reporting tool through specified mediums; amending s.  
15          1001.10, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education  
16          to review recommendations from the School Hardening  
17          and Harm Mitigation Workgroup; requiring the  
18          commissioner to submit a summary to the Governor and  
19          the Legislature by a specified date; providing  
20          requirements for the summary; amending s. 1001.11,  
21          F.S.; revising the duties of the commissioner to  
22          include oversight of compliance with the safety and  
23          security requirements of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas  
24          High School Public Safety Act by specified persons and  
25          entities; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the  
26          Office of Safe Schools to annually provide training  
27          for specified personnel; requiring the office to  
28          convene a School Hardening and Harm Mitigation  
29          Workgroup; providing for membership and duties of the

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30 workgroup; requiring the workgroup to submit a report  
31 and recommendations to the commissioner; requiring the  
32 office to provide technical assistance for school  
33 safety incident reporting; requiring the office to  
34 review and evaluate school district reports for  
35 compliance; requiring a district school board to  
36 withhold a superintendent's salary in response to the  
37 superintendent's noncompliance; requiring the office  
38 to develop a behavioral threat assessment instrument;  
39 providing requirements for the instrument; requiring  
40 the office to establish the Statewide Threat  
41 Assessment Database Workgroup to make certain  
42 recommendations relating to a statewide threat  
43 assessment database; providing requirements for the  
44 database; requiring the workgroup to report  
45 recommendations to the office by a specified date;  
46 providing requirements for such recommendations;  
47 requiring the office to monitor school district and  
48 public school, including charter schools, compliance  
49 with requirements relating to school safety; requiring  
50 the office to review and approve district school board  
51 and charter school active assailant policies and  
52 report deficiencies; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.;  
53 requiring a charter school to comply with specified  
54 provisions; amending s. 1006.04, F.S.; establishing  
55 timeframes within which students with mental,  
56 emotional, or behavioral disorders must be referred  
57 for services; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring  
58 that a school safety specialist be a school

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59 administrator employed by the school district or a law  
60 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office  
61 located in the school district; providing requirements  
62 for a school safety specialist designated from a  
63 sheriff's office; providing that a school safety  
64 specialist designated from a sheriff's office remains  
65 an employee of such office for certain purposes;  
66 authorizing the sheriff and school superintendent to  
67 determine by agreement the reimbursement of or sharing  
68 of costs associated with employment of the law  
69 enforcement officer as a school safety specialist;  
70 requiring district school boards to adopt and submit  
71 to the office an active assailant response policy;  
72 requiring that the policy be recommended by the  
73 district superintendent; requiring that any school-  
74 specific modifications to the policy be approved by  
75 the district superintendents; requiring that certain  
76 policies adopted by school districts include  
77 procedures for behavioral threat assessments;  
78 requiring threat assessment teams to utilize the  
79 behavioral threat assessment instrument and the threat  
80 assessment database developed by the office when they  
81 become available; requiring district school boards to  
82 adopt policies for accurate and timely reporting of  
83 school environmental safety incidents; providing  
84 penalties for noncompliance with such policies;  
85 requiring the State Board of Education to adopt by  
86 rule requirements for school environmental safety  
87 incident reports; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; requiring

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88 a charter school governing board to partner with law  
89 enforcement agencies to establish or assign a safe-  
90 school officer; expanding the categories of  
91 individuals who may serve as school guardians;  
92 amending s. 1006.1493, F.S.; requiring the Florida  
93 Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) to be the primary  
94 site security assessment tool for school districts;  
95 requiring the office to provide FSSAT training;  
96 requiring the superintendent to certify FSSAT  
97 assessments within a certain timeframe; providing  
98 penalties for failure to comply with requirements;  
99 deleting obsolete language; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.;  
100 modifying the required use of funds in the safe  
101 schools allocation; providing for retroactive  
102 application; providing legislative intent; expanding,  
103 as of a specified date, the categorical fund that may  
104 be accessed to improve classroom instruction or  
105 improve school safety; deleting obsolete language;  
106 reenacting s. 921.0022(3)(b), F.S., relating to the  
107 offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal  
108 Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendment made to  
109 s. 843.08, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing a  
110 declaration of important state interest; providing an  
111 effective date.

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

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115 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
116 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

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117 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

118 (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or by  
119 deputy, shall:

120 (k) Establish, if the sheriff so chooses, a Coach Aaron  
121 Feis Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or abatement of  
122 active assailant incidents on school premises. However, if a  
123 local school board has voted by a majority to implement such a  
124 program, the sheriff in that county shall establish a program. A  
125 school guardian may not ~~has no authority to~~ act in any law  
126 enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent  
127 or abate an active assailant incident on a school premises. A  
128 ~~Excluded from participating in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian~~  
129 ~~Program are individuals who exclusively perform classroom duties~~  
130 ~~as classroom teachers as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a). This~~  
131 ~~limitation does not apply to classroom teachers of a Junior~~  
132 ~~Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, a current~~  
133 ~~servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, or a current or former~~  
134 ~~law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), (6), or~~  
135 ~~(8). The sheriff who establishes a chooses to establish the~~  
136 program shall certify ~~appoint~~ as school guardians, without the  
137 power of arrest, school employees or contract employees, as  
138 specified in s. 1006.12(3), who ~~volunteer and who:~~

139 1. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06.

140 2. Complete 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety  
141 and proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards  
142 and Training Commission-certified instructors, which must  
143 include:

144 a. Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the  
145 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law

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146 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least  
147 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than  
148 associated with academy training. Program participants must  
149 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

150       b. Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

151       c. Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction using  
152 state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

153       d. Eight hours of instruction in active shooter or  
154 assailant scenarios.

155       e. Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

156       f. Twelve hours of instruction in legal issues.

157       3. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
158 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the  
159 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
160 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law  
161 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with  
162 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this  
163 paragraph.

164       4. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent  
165 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
166 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

167       5. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
168 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual  
169 basis.

170       6. Successfully complete at least 12 hours of a certified  
171 nationally recognized diversity training program.

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173 The sheriff shall issue a school guardian certificate to  
174 individuals who meet the requirements of this paragraph and

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175 ~~subparagraph 2. The sheriff shall maintain documentation of~~  
176 ~~weapon and equipment inspections, as well as the training,~~  
177 ~~certification, inspection, and qualification records of each~~  
178 ~~school guardian certified ~~appointed~~ by the sheriff. At a  
179 superintendent's discretion, any such certified school guardian  
180 may be appointed to a school by its respective superintendent.  
181 An individual may not serve as a school guardian in a school  
182 unless he or she is appointed by the superintendent.~~

183 Section 2. Effective October 1, 2019, section 843.08,  
184 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

185 843.08 False personation.—A person who falsely assumes or  
186 pretends to be a firefighter, a sheriff, an officer of the  
187 Florida Highway Patrol, an officer of the Fish and Wildlife  
188 Conservation Commission, a fire or arson investigator of the  
189 Department of Financial Services, an officer of the Department  
190 of Financial Services, an officer of the Department of  
191 Corrections, a correctional probation officer, a deputy sheriff,  
192 a state attorney or an assistant state attorney, a statewide  
193 prosecutor or an assistant statewide prosecutor, a state  
194 attorney investigator, a coroner, a police officer, a lottery  
195 special agent or lottery investigator, a beverage enforcement  
196 agent, a school guardian as described in s. 30.15(1)(k), a  
197 security officer licensed under chapter 493 ~~or watchman, or~~ any  
198 member of the Florida Commission on Offender Review or ~~and~~ any  
199 administrative aide or supervisor employed by the commission, ~~or~~  
200 any personnel or representative of the Department of Law  
201 Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement officer as defined in  
202 s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as such,  
203 or to require any other person to aid or assist him or her in a

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204 matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer, commits a  
205 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
206 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who  
207 falsely personates any such officer during the course of the  
208 commission of a felony commits a felony of the second degree,  
209 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
210 If the commission of the felony results in the death or personal  
211 injury of another human being, the person commits a felony of  
212 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
213 775.083, or s. 775.084. ~~The term "watchman" means a security~~  
214 ~~officer licensed under chapter 493.~~

215 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 943.082, Florida  
216 Statutes, is amended to read:

217 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

218 (4) (a) Law enforcement dispatch centers, school districts,  
219 schools, and other entities identified by the department must  
220 ~~shall~~ be made aware of the mobile suspicious activity reporting  
221 tool.

222 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the  
223 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on  
224 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,  
225 and in school publications and by installing it on all computer  
226 devices issued to students.

227 Section 4. Subsection (9) is added to section 1001.10,  
228 Florida Statutes, to read:

229 1001.10 Commissioner of Education; general powers and  
230 duties.—

231 (9) The commissioner shall review the report of the School  
232 Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup regarding hardening and



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233 harm mitigation strategies and recommendations submitted by the  
234 Office of Safe Schools, pursuant to s. 1001.212(12). By  
235 September 1, 2019, the commissioner shall submit a summary of  
236 such recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
237 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At a  
238 minimum, the summary must include policy and funding  
239 enhancements and the estimated costs of and timeframes for  
240 implementation of the campus hardening and harm mitigation  
241 strategies recommended by the workgroup.

242 Section 5. Subsection (9) of section 1001.11, Florida  
243 Statutes, is added to read:

244 1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.—

245 (9) The commissioner shall oversee compliance with the  
246 safety and security requirements of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas  
247 High School Public Safety Act, chapter 2018-03, Laws of Florida,  
248 by school districts; district school superintendents; public  
249 schools, including charter schools; and regional and state  
250 entities. The commissioner must facilitate compliance to the  
251 maximum extent provided under law, identify incidents of  
252 noncompliance, and impose or recommend to the State Board of  
253 Education, the Governor, or the Legislature enforcement and  
254 sanctioning actions pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other authority  
255 granted under law.

256 Section 6. Subsection (1) is amended, and subsections (12)  
257 through (17) are added to section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, to  
258 read:

259 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the  
260 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office  
261 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The

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262 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,  
263 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters  
264 regarding school safety and security, including prevention  
265 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness  
266 planning. The office shall:

267 (1) Establish and update as necessary a school security  
268 risk assessment tool for use by school districts pursuant to s.  
269 1006.07(6). The office shall make the security risk assessment  
270 tool available for use by charter schools. The office shall  
271 provide annual training to appropriate school district and  
272 charter school personnel on the proper assessment of physical  
273 site security and completion of the school security risk  
274 assessment tool.

275 (12) (a) Convene a School Hardening and Harm Mitigation  
276 Workgroup comprised of individuals with subject matter expertise  
277 on school campus hardening best practices. The workgroup shall  
278 meet as necessary to review school hardening and harm mitigation  
279 policies including, but not limited to, the target hardening  
280 practices implemented in other states; the school safety  
281 guidelines developed by organizations such as the Partner  
282 Alliance for Safer Schools; the tiered approach to target campus  
283 hardening strategies identified in the initial report submitted  
284 by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety  
285 Commission pursuant to s. 943.687(9); and the Florida Building  
286 Code for educational facilities construction to determine  
287 whether the building code may need to be modified to strengthen  
288 school safety and security. Based on this review of school  
289 safety best practices, by August 1, 2019, the workgroup shall  
290 submit a report to the executive director of the office, which

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291 includes, at a minimum:

292 1. A prioritized list for the implementation of school  
293 campus hardening and harm mitigation strategies and the  
294 estimated costs of and timeframes for implementation of the  
295 strategies by school districts and charter schools. The  
296 estimated costs must include regional and statewide projections  
297 of the implementation costs.

298 2. Recommendations for policy and funding enhancements to  
299 strengthen school safety and security.

300 (b) Submit to the commissioner:

301 1. The workgroup's report pursuant to paragraph (a); and  
302 2. Recommendations regarding procedures for the office to  
303 use to monitor and enforce compliance by the school districts  
304 and charter schools in the implementation of the workgroup's  
305 recommended campus hardening and harm mitigation strategies.

306 (13) Provide technical assistance to school districts and  
307 charter school governing boards for school environmental safety  
308 incident reporting as required under s. 1006.07(9). The office  
309 shall review and evaluate school district reports to ensure  
310 compliance with reporting requirements. Upon notification by the  
311 department that a superintendent has failed to comply with the  
312 requirements of s. 1006.07(9), the district school board shall  
313 withhold further payment of his or her salary as authorized  
314 under s. 1001.42(13)(b) and impose other appropriate sanctions  
315 that the commissioner or state board by law may impose.

316 (14) By August 1, 2019, develop a standardized, statewide  
317 behavioral threat assessment instrument for use by all public  
318 schools, including charter schools, which addresses early  
319 identification, evaluation, early intervention, and student

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320 support.

321 (a) The standardized, statewide behavioral threat  
322 assessment instrument must include, but need not be limited to,  
323 components and forms that address:

324 1. An assessment of the threat, which includes an  
325 assessment of the student, family, and school and social  
326 dynamics.

327 2. An evaluation to determine if the threat is transient or  
328 substantive.

329 3. The response to a substantive threat, which includes the  
330 school response and the role of law enforcement agencies.

331 4. The response to a serious substantive threat, including  
332 mental health and law enforcement referrals.

333 5. Ongoing monitoring to assess implementation of safety  
334 strategies.

335 6. Training for members of threat assessment teams  
336 established under s. 1006.07(7) and school administrators  
337 regarding the use of the instrument.

338 (b) The office shall:

339 1. By August 1, 2020, evaluate each school district's  
340 behavioral threat assessment procedures for compliance with this  
341 subsection.

342 2. Notify the district school superintendent if the school  
343 district behavioral threat assessment is not in compliance with  
344 this subsection.

345 3. Report any issues of ongoing noncompliance with this  
346 subsection to the district school superintendent, commissioner,  
347 and state board.

348 (15) Establish the Statewide Threat Assessment Database

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349 Workgroup, comprised of members appointed by the department, to  
350 make recommendations regarding the development of a statewide  
351 threat assessment database. The database must allow authorized  
352 public school personnel to enter information related to any  
353 threat assessment conducted at their respective schools using  
354 the instrument developed by the office pursuant to subsection  
355 (14), and must provide such information to authorized personnel  
356 in each school district and public school and to appropriate  
357 stakeholders. By December 31, 2019, the workgroup shall provide  
358 a report to the office with recommendations that include, but  
359 need not be limited to:

360 (a) Threat assessment data that should be required to be  
361 entered into the database.

362 (b) School district and public school personnel who should  
363 be allowed to input student records to the database and view  
364 such records.

365 (c) Database design and functionality, to include data  
366 security.

367 (d) Restrictions and authorities on information sharing,  
368 including:

369 1. Section 1002.22 and other applicable state laws.

370 2. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA),  
371 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, 42 C.F.R. part 2; the Health Insurance  
372 Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. s. 1320d6,  
373 45 C.F.R. part 164, subpart E; and other applicable federal  
374 laws.

375 3. The appropriateness of interagency agreements that will  
376 allow law enforcement to view database records.

377 (e) The cost to develop and maintain a statewide online

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378 database.

379 (f) An implementation plan and timeline for the workgroup  
380 recommendations.

381 (16) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to  
382 school safety by school districts and public schools, including  
383 charter schools. The office shall report incidents of  
384 noncompliance to the commissioner pursuant to 1001.11(9) and the  
385 state board pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of  
386 law, as appropriate.

387 (17) Review and approve each district school board's and  
388 charter school governing board's active assailant response  
389 policy submitted pursuant to ss. 1006.07(6)(c) and  
390 1002.33(16)(b). The office shall report any policy deficiencies  
391 or issues of noncompliance to the commissioner pursuant to  
392 1001.11(9) and the state board pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other  
393 requirements of law, as appropriate.

394 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section  
395 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended, to read:

396 1002.33 Charter schools.—

397 (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

398 (b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance  
399 with the following statutes:

400 1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and  
401 records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.

402 2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.

403 3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size,  
404 except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s.  
405 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.

406 4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and

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407 salary schedules.

408 5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.

409 6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with  
410 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.

411 7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive  
412 requirements for performance evaluations for instructional  
413 personnel and school administrators.

414 8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.

415 9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat assessment teams.

416 10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental  
417 Safety Incident Reporting.

418 11. Section 1006.1493, relating to Florida Safe School  
419 Assessment Tool.

420 12. Section 1006.07(6)(c), relating to adopting an active  
421 assailant response policy.

422 13. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile  
423 suspicious activity reporting tool.

424 14. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health  
425 awareness and assistance training.

426 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
427 1006.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

428 1006.04 Educational multiagency services for students with  
429 severe emotional disturbance.—

430 (1)

431 (c) The multiagency network shall:

432 1. Support and represent the needs of students in each  
433 school district in joint planning with fiscal agents of  
434 children's mental health funds, including the expansion of  
435 school-based mental health services, transition services, and

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436 integrated education and treatment programs.

437 2. Improve coordination of services for children with or at  
438 risk of emotional or behavioral disabilities and their families:

439 a. By assisting multi-agency collaborative initiatives to  
440 identify critical issues and barriers of mutual concern and  
441 develop local response systems that increase home and school  
442 connections and family engagement.

443 b. To provide that children who are referred for an  
444 evaluation or screening to determine eligibility for services  
445 receive the appropriate evaluation or screening within 45 days  
446 after the referral. Students who are eligible for services, and  
447 their families, must be provided a referral for the appropriate  
448 services within 30 days after completion of the evaluation or  
449 screening.

450 3. Increase parent and youth involvement and development  
451 with local systems of care.

452 4. Facilitate student and family access to effective  
453 services and programs for students with and at risk of emotional  
454 or behavioral disabilities that include necessary educational,  
455 residential, and mental health treatment services, enabling  
456 these students to learn appropriate behaviors, reduce  
457 dependency, and fully participate in all aspects of school and  
458 community living.

459 Section 9. Subsection (6) and subsection (7) of section  
460 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (9) is  
461 added to that section, 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



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465 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
466 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
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) Each district school superintendent shall designate a  
474 ~~school administrator as~~ a school safety specialist for the  
475 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  
492 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,  
493 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school

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494 safety specialist shall:

495 1. Review policies and procedures for compliance with state  
496 law and rules.

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

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

504 4. Conduct a school security risk assessment in accordance  
505 with s. 1006.1493 at each public school using the school  
506 security risk assessment tool developed by the Office of Safe  
507 Schools. Based on the assessment findings, the district's school  
508 safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the district  
509 school board which identify strategies and activities that the  
510 district school board should implement in order to improve  
511 school safety and security. Annually, each district school board  
512 must receive such findings and the school safety specialist's  
513 recommendations at a publicly noticed district school board  
514 meeting to provide the public an opportunity to hear the  
515 district school board members discuss and take action on the  
516 findings and recommendations. Each school safety specialist  
517 shall report such findings and school board action to the Office  
518 of Safe Schools within 30 days after the district school board  
519 meeting.

520 (b) Each school safety specialist shall coordinate with the  
521 appropriate public safety agencies, as defined in s. 365.171,  
522 that are designated as first responders to a school's campus to

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523 conduct a tour of such campus once every 3 years and provide  
524 recommendations related to school safety. The recommendations by  
525 the public safety agencies must be considered as part of the  
526 recommendations by the school safety specialist pursuant to  
527 paragraph (a).

528 (c) Each district school board must adopt a well-developed,  
529 written, distributed, and trained upon active assailant response  
530 policy, which must be recommended by the district  
531 superintendent. The superintendent must approve any school-  
532 specific modifications to the district policy. Each district  
533 school board's active assailant response policy, including  
534 school-specific modifications, must be submitted to the Office  
535 of Safe Schools for approval pursuant to s. 1001.212(17) by  
536 August 1, 2019.

537 (7) THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board  
538 shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment  
539 teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of  
540 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose  
541 behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or  
542 students consistent with the model policies developed by the  
543 Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must ~~shall~~ include  
544 procedures for referrals to mental health services identified by  
545 the school district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when  
546 appropriate, and procedures for behavioral threat assessments in  
547 compliance with the instrument developed pursuant to s.  
548 1001.212(14).

549 (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with  
550 expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and  
551 law enforcement. The threat assessment teams shall identify

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552 members of the school community to whom threatening behavior  
553 should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty,  
554 and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant  
555 behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school,  
556 or self. Upon the availability of the behavioral threat  
557 assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(14), the  
558 threat assessment team shall use that instrument.

559 (b) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a  
560 threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or  
561 others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its  
562 determination to the superintendent or his or her designee. The  
563 superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt  
564 to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in  
565 this subsection shall preclude school district personnel from  
566 acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

567 (c) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat  
568 assessment team that a student poses a threat of violence to  
569 himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly  
570 disruptive behavior or need for assistance, the threat  
571 assessment team may obtain criminal history record information,  
572 as provided in s. 985.047. A member of a threat assessment team  
573 may not disclose any criminal history record information  
574 obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of  
575 an individual beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was  
576 made to the threat assessment team.

577 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state  
578 and local agencies and programs that provide services to  
579 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or  
580 a mental illness, including the school districts, school

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581 personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the  
582 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and  
583 Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care  
584 Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the  
585 Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office,  
586 and any service or support provider contracting with such  
587 agencies, may share with each other records or information that  
588 are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 if  
589 the records or information are reasonably necessary to ensure  
590 access to appropriate services for the student or to ensure the  
591 safety of the student or others. All such state and local  
592 agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and  
593 coordinate efforts to serve such students.

594 (e) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse crisis  
595 is suspected, school personnel shall follow policies established  
596 by the threat assessment team to engage behavioral health crisis  
597 resources. Behavioral health crisis resources, including, but  
598 not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school resource officers  
599 trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency  
600 intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and refer the  
601 student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall  
602 report all such situations and actions taken to the threat  
603 assessment team, which shall contact the other agencies involved  
604 with the student and any known service providers to share  
605 information and coordinate any necessary followup actions.

606 (f) Each threat assessment team established pursuant to  
607 this subsection shall report quantitative data on its activities  
608 to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with guidance from  
609 the office and shall utilize the threat assessment database

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610 developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(15) upon the availability of  
611 the database.

612 (9) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING.—Each  
613 district school board shall adopt policies to ensure the  
614 accurate and timely reporting of incidents related to school  
615 safety and discipline. The district school superintendent is  
616 responsible for school environmental safety incident reporting.  
617 A district school superintendent who fails to comply with this  
618 subsection is subject to the penalties specified in law,  
619 including, but not limited to, s. 1001.42(13)(b) or s.  
620 1001.51(12)(b), as applicable. The State Board of Education  
621 shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school  
622 environmental safety incident report.

623 Section 10. Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended  
624 to read:

625 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For the  
626 protection and safety of school personnel, property, students,  
627 and visitors, each district school board, ~~and~~ school district  
628 superintendent, and charter school governing board, as  
629 applicable, shall partner with law enforcement agencies to  
630 establish or assign one or more safe-school officers at each  
631 school facility within the district by implementing any  
632 combination of the following options which best meets the needs  
633 of the school district:

634 (1) Establish school resource officer programs, through a  
635 cooperative agreement with law enforcement agencies.

636 (a) School resource officers shall undergo criminal  
637 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation  
638 and be certified law enforcement officers, as defined in s.

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639 943.10(1), who are employed by a law enforcement agency as  
640 defined in s. 943.10(4). The powers and duties of a law  
641 enforcement officer shall continue throughout the employee's  
642 tenure as a school resource officer.

643 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district school  
644 board policies and shall consult with and coordinate activities  
645 through the school principal, but shall be responsible to the  
646 law enforcement agency in all matters relating to employment,  
647 subject to agreements between a district school board and a law  
648 enforcement agency. Activities conducted by the school resource  
649 officer which are part of the regular instructional program of  
650 the school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

651 (c) Complete mental health crisis intervention training  
652 using a curriculum developed by a national organization with  
653 expertise in mental health crisis intervention. The training  
654 shall improve officers' knowledge and skills as first responders  
655 to incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or  
656 mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student  
657 and officer safety.

658 (2) Commission one or more school safety officers for the  
659 protection and safety of school personnel, property, and  
660 students within the school district. The district school  
661 superintendent may recommend, and the district school board may  
662 appoint, one or more school safety officers.

663 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal  
664 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation  
665 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1),  
666 certified under the provisions of chapter 943 and employed by  
667 either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board.

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668 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the  
669 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of  
670 chapter 943, and must comply with the provisions of that  
671 chapter.

672 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the  
673 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school  
674 board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such  
675 property, who violate any law on such property under the same  
676 conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.  
677 A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when  
678 performing his or her official duties.

679 (c) A district school board may enter into mutual aid  
680 agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided  
681 in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid  
682 jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement  
683 agency, as mutually agreed to.

684 (3) At the school district's, or charter school governing  
685 board's, discretion, participate in the Coach Aaron Feis  
686 Guardian Program ~~if such program is established pursuant to s.~~  
687 ~~30.15,~~ to meet the requirement of establishing a safe-school  
688 officer. The following individuals may serve as a school  
689 guardian upon satisfactory completion of the requirements under  
690 s. 30.15(1)(k) and certification by a sheriff:

691 (a) A school district employee or personnel, as defined  
692 under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided  
693 under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school  
694 guardian in addition to his or her official job duties;

695 (b) An employee of a school district or a charter school  
696 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school



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697 guardian; or

698 (c) A contract employee licensed under s. 493.6301 who  
699 works in the school district or for a charter school through a  
700 contract with a security agency as that term is defined in s.  
701 493.6101(18). Contract employees may receive school guardian  
702 training through a participating sheriff's office contingent  
703 upon defined financial or service obligations by the security  
704 agency enumerated in the contract between the school district or  
705 the charter school governing board, as appropriate, and the  
706 security agency.

707 (4) Any information that would identify whether a  
708 particular individual has been appointed as a safe-school  
709 officer pursuant to this section held by a law enforcement  
710 agency, school district, or charter school is exempt from s.  
711 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This  
712 subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act  
713 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October  
714 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through  
715 reenactment by the Legislature.

716 Section 11. Section 1006.1493, Florida Statutes, is amended  
717 to read:

718 1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.—

719 (1) The department, through the Office of Safe Schools  
720 pursuant s. 1001.212, shall contract with a security consulting  
721 firm that specializes in the development of risk assessment  
722 software solutions and has experience in conducting security  
723 assessments of public facilities to develop, update, and  
724 implement a risk assessment tool, which shall be known as the  
725 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT). The FSSAT must be

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726 the primary physical site security assessment tool as revised  
727 and required by the Office of Safe Schools that is used by  
728 school officials at each school district and public school site  
729 in the state in conducting security assessments ~~for use by~~  
730 ~~school officials at each school district and public school site~~  
731 ~~in the state.~~

732 (2) The FSSAT must help school officials identify threats,  
733 vulnerabilities, and appropriate safety controls for the schools  
734 that they supervise, pursuant to the security risk assessment  
735 requirements of s. 1006.07(6).

736 (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the  
737 following components:

- 738 1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;
- 739 2. Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and  
740 procedures;
- 741 3. Physical security measures;
- 742 4. Professional development training needs;
- 743 5. An examination of support service roles in school  
744 safety, security, and emergency planning;
- 745 6. School security and school police staffing, operational  
746 practices, and related services;
- 747 7. School and community collaboration on school safety; and
- 748 8. A return on investment analysis of the recommended  
749 physical security controls.

750 (b) The department shall require by contract that the  
751 security consulting firm:

- 752 1. Generate written automated reports on assessment  
753 findings for review by the department and school and district  
754 officials;

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755           2. Provide training to the department and school officials  
756 in the use of the FSSAT and other areas of importance identified  
757 by the department; and

758           3. Advise in the development and implementation of  
759 templates, formats, guidance, and other resources necessary to  
760 facilitate the implementation of this section at state,  
761 district, school, and local levels.

762           (3) The Office of Safe Schools must provide annual training  
763 to each district's school safety specialist and other  
764 appropriate school district personnel on the assessment of  
765 physical site security and completing the FSSAT.

766           (4) Each district school superintendent, by August 1 of  
767 each year, shall submit an FSSAT assessment to the department  
768 for each school site. Each school-specific assessment must be  
769 approved by the district superintendent or his or her designee,  
770 who must be the district's school safety specialist or a deputy  
771 superintendent or assistant superintendent. Any superintendent  
772 who fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection is  
773 subject to penalties under s. 1001.51(12)(b) and other sanctions  
774 that may be applied by the commissioner or state board.

775           (5) By December 1 of each year, ~~By December 1, 2018, and~~  
776 ~~annually by that date thereafter,~~ the department shall ~~must~~  
777 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
778 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the status of  
779 implementation across school districts and schools. The report  
780 must include a summary of the positive school safety measures in  
781 place at the time of the assessment and any recommendations for  
782 policy changes or funding needed to facilitate continued school  
783 safety planning, improvement, and response at the state,

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784 district, or school levels.

785 (6)~~(4)~~ In accordance with ss. 119.071(3) (a) and 281.301,  
786 data and information related to security risk assessments  
787 administered pursuant to this section and s. 1006.07(6) and the  
788 security information contained in the annual report required  
789 pursuant to subsection (3) are confidential and exempt from  
790 public records requirements.

791 Section 12. Subsection (15) of section 1011.62, Florida  
792 Statutes, is amended to read:

793 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
794 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
795 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
796 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
797 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
798 follows:

799 (15) SAFE SCHOOLS ALLOCATION.—A safe schools allocation is  
800 created to provide funding to assist school districts in their  
801 compliance with s. 1006.07, with priority given to implementing  
802 the district's school resource officer program pursuant to s.  
803 1006.12. Each school district shall receive a minimum safe  
804 schools allocation in an amount provided in the General  
805 Appropriations Act. Of the remaining balance of the safe schools  
806 allocation, two-thirds shall be allocated to school districts  
807 based on the most recent official Florida Crime Index provided  
808 by the Department of Law Enforcement and one-third shall be  
809 allocated based on each school district's proportionate share of  
810 the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student  
811 enrollment. Any additional funds appropriated to this allocation  
812 in the 2018-2019 fiscal year must ~~to the school resource officer~~

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813 ~~program established pursuant to s. 1006.12 shall be used~~  
814 ~~exclusively for employing or contracting for safe-school~~  
815 ~~resource officers, established or assigned under s. 1006.12~~  
816 ~~which shall be in addition to the number of officers employed or~~  
817 ~~contracted for in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This subsection~~  
818 ~~applies retroactively to July 1, 2018. The amendments to this~~  
819 ~~subsection are intended to be clarifying and remedial in nature.~~

820 Section 13. Effective July 1, 2019, paragraph (b) of  
821 subsection (6) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, and  
822 subsection (15) of that section, as amended by this act, are  
823 amended to read:

824 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
825 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
826 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
827 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
828 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
829 follows:

830 (6) CATEGORICAL FUNDS.—

831 (b) If a district school board finds and declares in a  
832 resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that  
833 the funds received for any of the following categorical  
834 appropriations are urgently needed to maintain school board  
835 specified academic classroom instruction or improve school  
836 safety, the school board may consider and approve an amendment  
837 to the school district operating budget transferring the  
838 identified amount of the categorical funds to the appropriate  
839 account for expenditure:

- 840 1. Funds for student transportation.
- 841 2. Funds for research-based reading instruction if the

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842 required additional hour of instruction beyond the normal school  
843 day for each day of the entire school year has been provided for  
844 the students in each low-performing elementary school in the  
845 district pursuant to paragraph (9) (a).

846 3. Funds for instructional materials if all instructional  
847 material purchases necessary to provide updated materials that  
848 are aligned with applicable state standards and course  
849 descriptions and that meet statutory requirements of content and  
850 learning have been completed for that fiscal year, but no sooner  
851 than March 1. Funds available after March 1 may be used to  
852 purchase hardware for student instruction.

853 4. Funds for the guaranteed allocation as provided in  
854 subparagraph (1) (e) 2.

855 5. Funds for the supplemental academic instruction  
856 allocation as provided in paragraph (1) (f).

857 6. Funds for Florida digital classrooms allocation as  
858 provided in subsection (12).

859 7. Funds for the federally connected student supplement as  
860 provided in subsection (13).

861 8. Funds for class size reduction as provided in s.  
862 1011.685.

863 (15) SAFE SCHOOLS ALLOCATION.—A safe schools allocation is  
864 created to provide funding to assist school districts in their  
865 compliance with s. 1006.07, with priority given to implementing  
866 the district's school resource officer program pursuant to s.  
867 1006.12. Each school district shall receive a minimum safe  
868 schools allocation in an amount provided in the General  
869 Appropriations Act. Of the remaining balance of the safe schools  
870 allocation, one-third ~~two-thirds~~ shall be allocated to school

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871 districts based on the most recent official Florida Crime Index  
 872 provided by the Department of Law Enforcement and two-thirds  
 873 ~~one-third~~ shall be allocated based on each school district's  
 874 proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time  
 875 equivalent student enrollment. ~~Any additional funds appropriated~~  
 876 ~~to this allocation in the 2018-2019 fiscal year must be used~~  
 877 ~~exclusively for employing or contracting for safe-school~~  
 878 ~~officers, established or assigned under s. 1006.12. This~~  
 879 ~~subsection applies retroactively to July 1, 2018. The amendments~~  
 880 ~~to this subsection are intended to be clarifying and remedial in~~  
 881 ~~nature.~~

882 Section 14. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
 883 made by this act to section 843.08, Florida Statutes, in a  
 884 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 885 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

886 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking  
 887 chart.-

888 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

889 (b) LEVEL 2

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
379.2431 (1) (e) 3.	3rd	Possession of 11 or fewer marine turtle eggs in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.

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379.2431

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Possession of more than  
11 marine turtle eggs in  
violation of the Marine  
Turtle Protection Act.

(1) (e) 4.

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403.413 (6) (c)

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Dumps waste litter  
exceeding 500 lbs. in  
weight or 100 cubic feet  
in volume or any  
quantity for commercial  
purposes, or hazardous  
waste.

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517.07 (2)

3rd

Failure to furnish a  
prospectus meeting  
requirements.

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590.28 (1)

3rd

Intentional burning of  
lands.

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784.05 (3)

3rd

Storing or leaving a  
loaded firearm within  
reach of minor who uses  
it to inflict injury or  
death.

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787.04 (1)

3rd

In violation of court  
order, take, entice,  
etc., minor beyond state



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limits.

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806.13 (1) (b) 3.

3rd

Criminal mischief;  
 damage \$1,000 or more to  
 public communication or  
 any other public  
 service.

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810.061 (2)

3rd

Impairing or impeding  
 telephone or power to a  
 dwelling; facilitating  
 or furthering burglary.

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810.09 (2) (e)

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Trespassing on posted  
 commercial horticulture  
 property.

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812.014 (2) (c) 1.

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Grand theft, 3rd degree;  
 \$300 or more but less  
 than \$5,000.

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812.014 (2) (d)

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree;  
 \$100 or more but less  
 than \$300, taken from  
 unenclosed curtilage of  
 dwelling.

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812.015 (7)

3rd

Possession, use, or  
 attempted use of an

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antishoplifting or  
inventory control device  
countermeasure.

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817.234 (1) (a) 2.

3rd

False statement in  
support of insurance  
claim.

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817.481 (3) (a)

3rd

Obtain credit or  
purchase with false,  
expired, counterfeit,  
etc., credit card, value  
over \$300.

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817.52 (3)

3rd

Failure to redeliver  
hired vehicle.

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817.54

3rd

With intent to defraud,  
obtain mortgage note,  
etc., by false  
representation.

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817.60 (5)

3rd

Dealing in credit cards  
of another.

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817.60 (6) (a)

3rd

Forgery; purchase goods,  
services with false  
card.

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911	817.61	3rd	Fraudulent use of credit cards over \$100 or more within 6 months.
912	826.04	3rd	Knowingly marries or has sexual intercourse with person to whom related.
913	831.01	3rd	Forgery.
914	831.02	3rd	Uttering forged instrument; utters or publishes alteration with intent to defraud.
915	831.07	3rd	Forging bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
916	831.08	3rd	Possessing 10 or more forged notes, bills, checks, or drafts.
917	831.09	3rd	Uttering forged notes, bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
	831.11	3rd	Bringing into the state forged bank bills,

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checks, drafts, or notes.

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832.05(3)(a)

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Cashing or depositing item with intent to defraud.

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843.08

3rd

False personation.

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893.13(2)(a)2.

3rd

Purchase of any s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs other than cannabis.

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893.147(2)

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Manufacture or delivery of drug paraphernalia.

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Section 15. The Legislature finds that a proper and legitimate state purpose is served when district school boards are afforded options for the provision of safe-school officers for the protection and safety of school personnel, property, students, and visitors. School guardians must be available to any district school board that chooses such an option. Therefore, the Legislature determines and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

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931           Section 16. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
932 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.