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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the code of student conduct;
3 amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring the district
4 school board to include in the code of student conduct
5 adopted by the board an explanation of the
6 responsibilities of each student with regard to
7 appropriate dress and respect for self and others and
8 the role that appropriate dress and respect for self
9 and others has on an orderly learning environment;
10 requiring each district school board to adopt a dress
11 code policy that prohibits a student, while on the
12 grounds of a public school during the regular school
13 day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or
14 body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that
15 disrupts the orderly learning environment; providing
16 disciplinary actions for students who violate the
17 dress code; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; providing that
18 adherence to appropriate dress and other codes of
19 student conduct is a prerequisite for a student to be
20 eligible to participate in interscholastic
21 extracurricular student activities; reenacting s.
22 1002.23(7), F.S., relating to a parent guide to
23 successful student achievement to be adopted by each
24 school district board, to incorporate the amendment
25 made to s. 1006.07, F.S., in a reference thereto;
26 providing an effective date.

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28 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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30 Section 1. Present paragraphs (d) through (l) of subsection
31 (2) of section s. 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
32 paragraphs (e) through (m), respectively, and a new paragraph
33 (d) is added to that subsection to read:

34 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
35 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
36 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
37 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
38 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
39 welfare of students, including:

40 (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student
41 conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for
42 middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to
43 all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the
44 beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and
45 written in language that is understandable to students and
46 parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school
47 year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and
48 parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each
49 code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and
50 discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be
51 made available in the student handbook or similar publication.
52 Each code shall include, but is not limited to:

53 (d)1. An explanation of the responsibilities of each
54 student with regard to appropriate dress, respect for self and
55 others, and the role that appropriate dress and respect for self
56 and others has on an orderly learning environment. Each district
57 school board shall adopt a dress code policy that prohibits a
58 student, while on the grounds of a public school during the

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59 regular school day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear
60 or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts
61 the orderly learning environment.

62 2. Any student who violates the dress policy described in
63 subparagraph 1. is subject to the following disciplinary
64 actions:

65 a. For a first offense, a student shall be given a verbal
66 warning and the school principal shall call the student's parent
67 or guardian.

68 b. For a second offense, the student is ineligible to
69 participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time
70 not to exceed 5 days and the school principal shall meet with
71 the student's parent or guardian.

72 c. For a third or subsequent offense, a student shall
73 receive an in-school suspension pursuant to s. 1003.01(5) for a
74 period not to exceed 3 days, the student is ineligible to
75 participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to
76 exceed 30 days, and the school principal shall call the
77 student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a
78 written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and
79 ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

80 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
81 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

82 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
83 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
84 activities; regulation.—

85 (3) (a) To be eligible to participate in interscholastic
86 extracurricular student activities, a student must:

87 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0

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88 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a
89 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,
90 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1).

91 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic
92 performance contract between the student, the district school
93 board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's
94 parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls
95 below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses
96 required by s. 1003.43(1) or, for students who entered the 9th
97 grade prior to the 1997-1998 school year, if the student's
98 cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale,
99 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1)
100 which ~~that~~ are taken after July 1, 1997. At a minimum, the
101 contract must require that the student attend summer school, or
102 its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and
103 11, as necessary.

104 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on
105 a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.
106 1003.43(1) during his or her junior or senior year.

107 4. Maintain satisfactory conduct, including adherence to
108 appropriate dress and other codes of student conduct policies
109 described in s. 1006.07(2). ~~and,~~ If a student is convicted of,
110 or is found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act that
111 ~~which~~ would have been a felony if committed by an adult,
112 regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the student's
113 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is
114 contingent upon established and published district school board
115 policy.

116 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment

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117 made by this act to section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, in a
118 reference thereto, subsection (7) of section 1002.23, Florida
119 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

120 1002.23 Family and School Partnership for Student
121 Achievement Act.—

122 (7) Each school district shall develop and disseminate a
123 parent guide to successful student achievement, consistent with
124 the guidelines of the Department of Education, which addresses
125 what parents need to know about their child's educational
126 progress and how parents can help their child to succeed in
127 school. The guide must:

128 (a) Be understandable to students and parents;

129 (b) Be distributed to all parents, students, and school
130 personnel at the beginning of each school year;

131 (c) Be discussed at the beginning of each school year in
132 meetings of students, parents, and teachers;

133 (d) Include information concerning services, opportunities,
134 choices, academic standards, and student assessment; and

135 (e) Provide information on the importance of student health
136 and available immunizations and vaccinations, including, but not
137 limited to:

138 1. A recommended immunization schedule in accordance with
139 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
140 recommendations.

141 2. Detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms, and
142 transmission of meningococcal disease and the availability,
143 effectiveness, known contraindications, and appropriate age for
144 the administration of any required or recommended vaccine
145 against meningococcal disease, in accordance with the

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146 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization
147 Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and
148 Prevention.

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150 The parent guide may be included as a part of the code of
151 student conduct that is required in s. 1006.07(2).

152 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.