

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
and Education; and 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 each  
5 quarter during a school year during the evening hours  
6 and to create 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; providing an effective date.

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

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

15 1001.372 District school board meetings.—

16 (1) REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.—

17 (a) The district school board shall hold not less than one  
18 regular meeting each month for the transaction of business  
19 according to a schedule arranged by the district school board.  
20 The district school board shall convene at least one regular  
21 meeting each quarter within a school year during the evening  
22 hours. The district school board shall create written criteria  
23 for deciding when to convene a quarterly meeting during the  
24 evening hours. A district school board is deemed to be in  
25 compliance with this paragraph if it maintains, and operates in  
26 accordance with, a policy that requires the portion of a regular  
27 meeting which is open to public comment to begin no earlier than  
28 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. If  
34 the district school superintendent does not call a special  
35 meeting when requested to do so, as prescribed in this  
36 paragraph, such a meeting may be called by the chair of the  
37 district school board or by a majority of the members of the  
38 district school board by giving 2 days' written notice of the  
39 time and purpose of the meeting to all members and to the  
40 district school superintendent. An action; ~~provided that actions~~  
41 ~~taken at a special meeting has meetings shall have~~ the same  
42 force and effect as if taken at a regular meeting, ~~and;~~ and  
43 ~~provided further that in the event the district school~~  
44 ~~superintendent should fail to call a special meeting when~~  
45 ~~requested to do so, as prescribed herein, such a meeting may be~~  
46 ~~called by the chair of the district school board or by a~~  
47 ~~majority of the members of the district school board by giving 2~~  
48 ~~days' written notice of the time and purpose of the meeting to~~  
49 ~~all members and to the district school superintendent, in which~~  
50 ~~event~~ the minutes of the meeting must ~~shall~~ set forth the facts  
51 regarding the procedure in calling the meeting and the reason  
52 the meeting was called. The minutes must therefor and shall be  
53 signed ~~either~~ by the chair or by a majority of the members of  
54 the district school board.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.