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An act relating to background screening for noninstructional contractors on school grounds; amending s. 1012.467, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to create a uniform, statewide identification badge to be worn by noninstructional contractors signifying that a contractor has met specified requirements; requiring school district issuance and recognition of the identification badge; providing for validity period of the identification badge; providing for a uniform cost for receipt of the identification badge to be borne by the contractor; providing an exception for certain contractors; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 1012.467, Florida Statutes, to read:

20 1012.467 Noninstructional contractors who are permitted access to school grounds when students are present; background screening requirements.—

(8) (a) The Department of Education shall create a uniform, statewide identification badge to be worn by noninstructional contractors signifying that a contractor has met the requirements of this section. The school district shall issue an identification badge to the contractor, which must bear a photograph of the contractor. An identification badge shall be

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issued if the contractor:

- 1. Is a resident and citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien of the United States as determined by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 - 2. Is 18 years of age or older; and
- 3. Meets the background screening requirements under this section.
- (b) The uniform, statewide identification badge shall be recognized by all school districts and must be visible at all times that a noninstructional contractor is on school grounds.
- (c) The identification badge shall be valid for a period of 5 years. If a noninstructional contractor provides notification pursuant to subsection (6), the contractor shall, within 48 hours, return the identification badge to the school district that issued the badge.
- (d) The Department of Education shall determine a uniform cost that a school district may charge a noninstructional contractor for receipt of the identification badge, which shall be borne by the recipient of the badge.
- (e) This subsection does not apply to noninstructional contractors who are exempt from background screening requirements pursuant to s. 1012.468.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.