House



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

Floor: WD/2R 04/14/2015 11:16 AM

Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 23 and 24

insert:

Section 2. Section 1006.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.061 Child abuse, abandonment, and neglect policy.-Each district school board, charter school, and private school that accepts scholarship students under s. 1002.39 or s. 1002.395 shall:

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(1) Post in a prominent place in each school a notice that,

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12 pursuant to chapter 39, all employees and agents of the district 13 school board, charter school, or private school have an 14 affirmative duty to report all actual or suspected cases of 15 child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; have immunity from liability if they report such cases in good faith; and have a 16 17 duty to comply with child protective investigations and all other provisions of law relating to child abuse, abandonment, 18 19 and neglect. The notice shall also include the statewide toll-20 free telephone number of the central abuse hotline.

21 (2) Post in a prominent place at each school site and on 22 each school's Internet website, if available, the policies and 23 procedures for reporting alleged misconduct by instructional 24 personnel or school administrators which affects the health, 25 safety, or welfare of a student; the contact person to whom the 26 report is made; and the penalties imposed on instructional 27 personnel or school administrators who fail to report suspected 28 or actual child abuse or alleged misconduct by other 29 instructional personnel or school administrators.

30 (3) Require the principal of the charter school or private school, or the district school superintendent, or the 31 32 superintendent's designee, at the request of the Department of 33 Children and Families, to act as a liaison to the Department of 34 Children and Families and the child protection team, as defined 35 in s. 39.01, when in a case of suspected child abuse, 36 abandonment, or neglect or an unlawful sexual offense involving 37 a child the case is referred to such a team; except that this 38 does not relieve or restrict the Department of Children and 39 Families from discharging its duty and responsibility under the law to investigate and report every suspected or actual case of 40

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41	child abuse, abandonment, or neglect or unlawful sexual offense
42	involving a child.
43	(4)(a) Post in a prominent place in a clearly visible
44	location and public area of the school which is readily
45	accessible to and widely used by students a sign in English and
46	Spanish that contains:
47	1. The statewide toll-free telephone number of the central
48	abuse hotline as provided in chapter 39;
49	2. Instructions to call 911 for emergencies; and
50	3. Directions for accessing the Department of Children and
51	Families Internet website for more information on reporting
52	abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
53	(b) The information in paragraph (a) must be put on at
54	least one poster in each school, on a sheet that measures at
55	least 11 inches by 17 inches, produced in large print, and
56	placed at student eye level for easy viewing.
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58	The Department of Education shall develop, and publish on the
59	department's Internet website, sample notices suitable for
60	posting in accordance with subsections (1), and (2), and (4).
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62	And the title is amended as follows:
63	Delete lines 2 - 7
64	and insert:
65	An act relating to child protection; amending s.
66	934.03, F.S.; authorizing a child younger than 18
67	years of age to intercept and record an oral
68	communication if the child is a party to the
69	communication and certain conditions are met; amending

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5. 1006.061, F.S.; requiring each district school board, charter school, and certain private schools to post in each school a poster with specified information; providing criteria for the poster; requiring the Department of Education to develop and publish a sample notice on its Internet website; providing an effective date.