

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to students remaining on school
3 grounds during school hours; providing a short title;
4 amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing that a district
5 school board may adopt policies for releasing students
6 for the school lunch period; requiring schools in
7 certain districts to obtain written parental consent
8 before permitting students to leave school grounds
9 during the lunch period; 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. This act may be cited as the "Mayra Capote Act."

14 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
15 1001.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
17 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
18 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
19 State Board of Education rule.

20 (1) STUDENT MANAGEMENT.—The district school board may adopt
21 programs and policies to ensure the safety and welfare of
22 individuals, the student body, and school personnel, which
23 programs and policies may:

24 (c) Provide procedures for student dismissal precautions
25 and for granting permission for students to leave school grounds
26 during school hours, including releasing a student from school
27 upon request by a parent, ~~or~~ for public appearances of school
28 groups, or for the school lunch period. However, in a district
29 that has more than 100,000 students in prekindergarten through
30 grade 12, a school may not permit a student to leave school
31 grounds for the lunch period unless the student's parent has, in
32 writing, consented for his or her child to leave school grounds

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33 during the lunch period for the school year.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.