

HB 515

2018

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to offenses against students by
3 authority figures; creating s. 800.101, F.S.;
4 providing definitions; prohibiting certain conduct
5 with students by authority figures; providing
6 penalties; providing exceptions; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 800.101, Florida Statutes, is created
12 to read:

13 800.101 Offenses against students by authority figures.-

14 (1) As used in this section, the term:

15 (a) "Authority figure" means a person 18 years of age or
16 older who is employed by, volunteering at, or under contract
17 with a school, including school resource officers as provided in
18 s. 1006.12.

19 (b) "School" has the same meaning as provided in s.
20 1003.01 and includes a private school as defined in s. 1002.01,
21 a voluntary prekindergarten education program as described in s.
22 1002.53(3), early learning programs, a public school as
23 described in s. 402.3025(1), the Florida School for the Deaf and
24 the Blind, and the Florida Virtual School established under s.
25 1002.37. The term does not include a facility dedicated

26 exclusively to the education of adults.

27 (c) "Student" means a person who is enrolled at a school.

28 (2) An authority figure shall not solicit or engage in:

29 (a) Sexual conduct;

30 (b) A relationship of a romantic nature; or

31 (c) Lewd conduct

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33 with a student.

34 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
35 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
36 775.083, or s. 775.084.

37 (4) This section does not apply to conduct constituting an
38 offense that is subject to reclassification under s. 775.0862.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.