By Senator Garcia

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to students remaining on school grounds during school hours; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing that a district school board may adopt policies for releasing students for the school lunch period; requiring schools in certain districts to obtain written parental consent before permitting students to leave school grounds during the lunch period; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

(c) Provide procedures for student dismissal precautions and for granting permission for students to leave school grounds during school hours, including releasing a student from school upon request by a parent, or for public appearances of school groups, or during the school lunch period. However, in a district that has more than 100,000 students in prekindergarten through grade 12, a school may not permit a student to leave

36-00103-18 2018682 30 school grounds during the lunch period unless the student's parent has consented in writing for his or her child to leave 31 school grounds during the lunch period for the school year. 32 33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.