Senator Braynon moved the following:

   **Senate Amendment to Amendment (318628) (with title amendment)**

   Delete lines 35 - 82

   and insert:

   (k) Create the Florida Sheriff’s Marshal Pilot Program within the Department of Education as a voluntary program to assist public schools in the school districts in Citrus, Holmes, and Nassau Counties in enhancing the safety and security of students, faculty, and staff of, and visitors to, public schools and campuses in those counties. The program is administered by
the Office of Safe Schools, created pursuant to s. 20.15.

1. The purpose of the program is to provide comprehensive firearm safety and proficiency training for selected faculty and staff strategically focused on providing security on campus during an active assailant incident. Public school faculty and staff who voluntarily participate in and complete the program, as recommended by the school district, are designated as special deputy sheriffs with all rights, responsibilities, and obligations in carrying concealed firearms on campus, as authorized pursuant to s. 30.09.

2. As used in this paragraph, the term:
   a. “Active assailant incident” means a situation in which an armed assailant is posing an immediate deadly threat to persons on the premises or campus of a public school.
   b. “Campus” means a school, as defined in s. 1003.01(2), and facilities and school plants operated and controlled by a public school district in accordance with s. 1003.02.
   c. “Partnership agreement” means a jointly approved contract between the sheriff operating the program and the superintendent of a participating school district sponsor.
   d. “Program” means a Florida Sheriff’s Marshal Pilot Program as established and administered by a sheriff in accordance with this section.
   e. “Sheriff” means the county sheriff constitutional officer elected or appointed in accordance with chapter 30 of a county that is authorized and elects to participate in the program.
   f. “Sheriff’s marshal” means a faculty or staff member who is recommended and sponsored by a school district and has been
successfully screened and approved by the sheriff to participate
in a program.

g. “Special deputy sheriff” means a program participant who
has successfully completed the program and who is appointed as a
law enforcement officer in the same manner as a deputy sheriff
as provided in s. 30.072(2) and certified under chapter 943.

3. At a minimum, program eligibility and participation
requirements must include:

   a. A school district authorized to participate may sponsor
      and recommend to the sheriff public school faculty and staff
      members as candidates for voluntary participation in the
      program. The sheriff shall establish timelines and requirements
      for participation through a partnership agreement with the
      sponsoring school district superintendent. To be eligible for
      consideration and recommendation, a candidate must be licensed
      in accordance with s. 790.06.

   b. After screening a candidate, including performing
      criminal background checks, drug testing, and a psychological
      evaluation, the sheriff may approve a candidate to participate
      in the program as a sheriff’s marshal.

   c. Upon successful completion of the program, a sheriff’s
      marshal may be appointed by the sheriff as a special deputy
      sheriff for the limited purpose of responding to an active
      assailant incident on a campus of his or her school district
      during an active assailant incident.

4.a. At a minimum, the partnership agreement must provide
    that a special deputy sheriff:

    (I) Must participate in and complete the program’s
    professional training requirements as a precondition to meeting
the legal requirements of chapter 30 to be eligible to carry a concealed firearm on a campus of his or her sponsoring school district.

   (II) May not act in any law enforcement capacity outside of an active assailant incident on a school district campus and does not have any authority in a law enforcement capacity off campus in any way, except as otherwise expressly authorized by law.

   (III). May carry concealed, approved firearms on campus. The firearms must be specifically purchased and issued for the sole purpose of the program. Only concealed carry safety holsters and firearms approved by the sheriff may be used under the program.

   (IV). Must successfully complete training with the sheriff’s office before his or her appointment as a special deputy sheriff, including meeting the requirements of this section.

b. The appointment of a person as a special deputy sheriff does not entitle the person to the special risk category that applies to law enforcement officers pursuant to s. 121.0515.

5. TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION.—All training must be conducted by Criminal Justice Standards Training Commission (CJSTC)-certified instructors.

   a. Required instruction must include 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and proficiency training in the following topics:

   (I) Firearms: 80-hour block of instruction. The firearms instruction must be based on the CJSTC Law Enforcement Academy training model and must be enhanced to include 10 percent to 20
percent more rounds fired by each program participant beyond the
minimum average of approximately 1,000 training rounds
associated with academy training. Program participants must
achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

(II) Firearms precision pistol: 16-hour block of
instruction.

(III) Firearms discretionary shooting: 4-hour block of
instruction using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

(IV) Active shooter or assailant: 8-hour block of
instruction.

(V) Defensive tactics: 4-hour block of instruction.

(VI) Legal or high liability: 20-hour block of instruction.

b. Program participants may complete an optional, 16-hour
precision pistol course as additional training.

c. Ongoing and annual proficiency retraining must be
conducted by the sheriff, as specified in the agreement.

6. The sheriff or the district superintendent may deny or
terminate a sheriff’s marshal or special deputy sheriff’s
participation in the program for any reason, including, but not
limited to, any of the following circumstances:

a. An arrest or filing of criminal charges against a
program participant by a law enforcement agency.

b. The service of process on the program participant as the
respondent of an injunction for protection.

c. The involuntary placement of the program participant in
a treatment facility for a mental health examination under The
Baker Act.

d. A violation of sheriff office policies, orders, or
requirements by the program participant.
e. A violation of the school district’s code of conduct or employee handbook or policy by the program participant.

7.a. The sheriff shall maintain documentation of weapon and equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification, inspection, and qualification records of each program participant.

    b. Each program participant must be distinctly and visually identifiable to responding law enforcement officers, faculty, staff, and students, in the case of any active assailant incident on a sponsoring school district’s campus.

    c. Each sheriff’s marshal must execute a volunteer agreement with the sheriff’s office outlining duties and responsibilities.

    d. A sponsoring school district must conduct awareness training about the program for all school district faculty and staff members.

    e. Specific implementation requirements, responsibilities, and other aspects of implementation must be specified in a partnership agreement.

8. FUNDING.—The costs of program participation must be established in the partnership agreement. Funding may be provided by the Legislature to support school district and sheriff office administration, sponsorship, participation, and implementation of this section.

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And the title is amended as follows:

    Delete lines 2443 - 2448

and insert:
establishing the Florida Sheriff’s Marshall Pilot Program within the Department of Education; establishing the program as a voluntary program to assist public schools in the school districts of certain counties; requiring the Office of Safe Schools to administer the pilot program; providing the purpose of the program; defining terms; providing requirements for program eligibility and participation; specifying requirements for a special deputy sheriff; authorizing the sheriff or district superintendent to deny or terminate a sheriff’s marshal or special deputy sheriff under certain circumstances; providing for implementation; providing for funding; amending s. 121.091, F.S.;