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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to implementation of legislative  
3           recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High  
4           School Public Safety Commission; amending s. 30.15,  
5           F.S.; requiring sheriffs to assist district school  
6           boards and charter school governing boards with  
7           compliance with a specified provision; requiring  
8           sheriffs to provide access to the Coach Aaron Feis  
9           Guardian Program; conforming a provision to changes  
10          made by the act; requiring sheriffs to establish a  
11          school guardian program or contract with another  
12          sheriff's office that has established a program under  
13          a certain condition; authorizing sheriffs that have  
14          established a guardian program to contract to provide  
15          training for specified purposes; requiring charter  
16          school governing boards to notify the superintendent  
17          or district school safety specialist and the sheriff  
18          in the county before training is executed; providing  
19          for reimbursement of a sheriff who conducts such  
20          training; removing the prohibition against classroom  
21          teachers serving as school guardians; conforming  
22          provisions to changes made by the act; revising  
23          certification requirements for school guardians;  
24          prohibiting individuals from serving as school  
25          guardians unless they are appointed by a  
26          superintendent or charter school principal, as  
27          applicable; amending s. 843.08, F.S.; adding school  
28          guardians to the list of officials the false  
29          personation of whom is prohibited and subject to

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30 criminal penalties; making technical changes; amending  
31 s. 943.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law  
32 Enforcement to consult with sheriffs who establish a  
33 guardian program on programmatic guiding principles,  
34 practices, and resources relating to the development  
35 and implementation of the program; amending s.  
36 943.082, F.S.; requiring school districts to promote  
37 the use of a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool  
38 through specified platforms and mediums; amending s.  
39 1001.10, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education  
40 to review recommendations from the School Hardening  
41 and Harm Mitigation Workgroup; requiring the  
42 commissioner to submit a summary to the Governor and  
43 the Legislature by a specified date; providing  
44 requirements for the summary; amending s. 1001.11,  
45 F.S.; revising the duties of the commissioner to  
46 include oversight and facilitation of compliance with  
47 the safety and security requirements of the Marjory  
48 Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act by  
49 specified persons and entities; amending s. 1001.212,  
50 F.S.; requiring the Office of Safe Schools to annually  
51 provide training for specified personnel; conforming  
52 provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the  
53 office to provide data to support the evaluation of  
54 mental health services; requiring the office to  
55 provide technical assistance for school safety  
56 incident reporting; requiring the office to collect  
57 data through the school environmental safety incident  
58 reports; requiring the office to review and evaluate

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59 school district reports for compliance; requiring a  
60 district school board to withhold a superintendent's  
61 salary in response to the superintendent's  
62 noncompliance; requiring the office to convene a  
63 School Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup;  
64 providing for membership and duties of the workgroup;  
65 requiring the workgroup to submit a report and  
66 recommendations to the executive director of the  
67 office and the commissioner; providing requirements  
68 for the report; providing for future repeal; requiring  
69 the office to develop a behavioral threat assessment  
70 instrument; providing requirements for the instrument;  
71 requiring the office to establish the Statewide Threat  
72 Assessment Database Workgroup to make certain  
73 recommendations relating to a statewide threat  
74 assessment database; providing requirements for the  
75 database; requiring the workgroup to report  
76 recommendations to the office by a specified date;  
77 providing requirements for such recommendations;  
78 requiring the office to monitor school district and  
79 public school, including charter school, compliance  
80 with requirements relating to school safety; requiring  
81 the office to report incidents of noncompliance to the  
82 commissioner and the state board; requiring the office  
83 to annually publish a list containing specified  
84 information relating to safe-school officers; amending  
85 s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring charter schools to comply  
86 with specified provisions; amending s. 1003.25, F.S.;

87 providing requirements for the transfer of certain

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88 student records; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising  
89 requirements for certain types of emergency drills;  
90 requiring that a school safety specialist be a school  
91 administrator employed by the school district or a law  
92 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office  
93 located in the school district; providing requirements  
94 for a school safety specialist designated from a  
95 sheriff's office; providing that a school safety  
96 specialist designated from a sheriff's office remains  
97 an employee of such office for certain purposes;  
98 authorizing the sheriff and school superintendent to  
99 determine by agreement the reimbursement or sharing of  
100 costs associated with employment of the law  
101 enforcement officer as a school safety specialist;  
102 requiring district school boards to adopt an active  
103 assailant response plan; requiring each district  
104 school superintendent and charter school principal to  
105 certify by a specified date, and annually thereafter,  
106 that all school personnel have received annual  
107 training under the plan; requiring that certain  
108 policies adopted by school districts include  
109 procedures for behavioral threat assessments;  
110 requiring threat assessment teams to utilize the  
111 behavioral threat assessment instrument and the threat  
112 assessment database developed by the office when they  
113 become available; requiring threat assessment teams to  
114 verify that, upon a student's transfer to a different  
115 school, any intervention services provided to the  
116 student remain in place until the team makes a certain

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117 determination; requiring district school boards to  
118 adopt policies for accurate and timely reporting of  
119 school environmental safety incidents; providing  
120 penalties for noncompliance with such policies;  
121 requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules  
122 establishing requirements for school environmental  
123 safety incident reports; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.;  
124 requiring district school boards and school district  
125 superintendents to partner with security agencies to  
126 establish or assign safe-school officers; requiring  
127 district school boards to collaborate with charter  
128 school governing boards to facilitate access to all  
129 safe-school officer options; expanding the options  
130 school districts are authorized to implement;  
131 expanding the categories of individuals who may serve  
132 as school guardians; authorizing school districts and  
133 charter school governing boards to contract with  
134 security agencies to employ school security guards;  
135 providing requirements for school security guards;  
136 authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to  
137 provide certain entities with specified data relating  
138 to psychological evaluations administered to school  
139 security guard applicants; providing requirements for  
140 contracts between a security agency and a school  
141 district or charter school governing board; providing  
142 that certain school security guards are in support of  
143 school-sanctioned activities and are required to aid  
144 in the prevention or abatement of certain incidents;  
145 requiring certain school districts to notify the

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146 county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools after  
147 the occurrence of specified events; requiring school  
148 districts to assign school resource officers or school  
149 safety officers to charter schools under certain  
150 circumstances; requiring school districts to retain  
151 specified allocation funds for a specified purpose if  
152 such officers are assigned; amending s. 1006.13, F.S.;  
153 revising requirements for school district zero-  
154 tolerance policies; amending s. 1006.1493, F.S.;  
155 requiring the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool  
156 (FSSAT) to be the primary site security assessment  
157 tool for school districts; requiring the department to  
158 require a security consulting firm to review  
159 recommendations of the School Hardening and Harm  
160 Mitigation Workgroup; requiring the office to annually  
161 make the FSSAT available by a specified date;  
162 requiring the office to provide FSSAT training;  
163 amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; modifying the required use  
164 of funds in the safe schools allocation; providing for  
165 retroactive application; providing legislative intent;  
166 expanding, as of a specified date, the categorical  
167 fund that may be accessed to improve classroom  
168 instruction or improve school safety; revising  
169 requirements for a district school board's annual  
170 financial report to the Department of Education;  
171 requiring each school district to report that the  
172 public schools within the district have completed the  
173 required school security risk assessment; providing  
174 that a charter school's share of costs for a school

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175 resource officer or school safety officer may not  
176 exceed a specified amount if a district school board  
177 is required to assign such an officer to the charter  
178 school; deleting obsolete language; expanding the  
179 purpose of the mental health assistance allocation;  
180 providing that charter schools that take a specified  
181 action are entitled to a proportionate share of  
182 certain funding; deleting a requirement that  
183 restricted to certain elements how a specified  
184 percentage of a district's mental health assistance  
185 allocation could be expended; revising requirements  
186 for a plan required to be developed by school  
187 districts before distribution of such allocation;  
188 requiring that the plans include charter schools,  
189 except in certain circumstances; authorizing, rather  
190 than requiring, charter schools to develop and submit  
191 a specified plan; revising requirements for school  
192 districts' and charter schools' plans; revising  
193 requirements relating to a specified report required  
194 by school districts to annually submit to the  
195 department; reenacting s. 921.0022(3)(b), F.S.,  
196 relating to the offense severity ranking chart of the  
197 Criminal Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendment  
198 made to s. 843.08, F.S., in a reference thereto;  
199 providing a declaration of important state interest;  
200 providing effective dates.

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202 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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204 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
205 30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

207 (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or by  
208 deputy, shall:

209 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school  
210 governing boards in complying with s. 1006.12. A sheriff must,  
211 at a minimum, provide access to establish, if the sheriff so  
212 ~~chooses,~~ a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to aid in the  
213 prevention or abatement of active assailant incidents on school  
214 premises, as required under this paragraph. Persons certified as  
215 school guardians pursuant to this paragraph have no authority to  
216 act in any law enforcement capacity except to the extent  
217 necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant incident.

218 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to  
219 implement a guardian program, the sheriff in that county shall  
220 establish a guardian program to provide training, pursuant to  
221 subparagraph 2., to school district or charter school employees,  
222 either directly or through a contract with another sheriff's  
223 office that has established a guardian program.

224 b. A charter school governing board in a school district  
225 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian  
226 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a  
227 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school  
228 employees. If the county sheriff denies the request, the charter  
229 school governing board may contract with a sheriff that has  
230 established a guardian program to provide such training. The  
231 charter school governing board must notify the superintendent  
232 and the sheriff in the charter school's county of the contract



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233 prior to its execution.

234 c. The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to  
235 subparagraph 2. will be reimbursed for screening-related and  
236 training-related costs and for providing a one-time stipend of  
237 \$500 to each school guardian who participates in the school  
238 guardian program ~~A school guardian has no authority to act in~~  
239 ~~any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to~~  
240 ~~prevent or abate an active assailant incident on a school~~  
241 ~~premises.~~

242 2. A ~~Excluded from participating in the Coach Aaron Feis~~  
243 ~~Guardian Program are individuals who exclusively perform~~  
244 ~~classroom duties as classroom teachers as defined in s.~~  
245 ~~1012.01(2) (a). This limitation does not apply to classroom~~  
246 ~~teachers of a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, a~~  
247 ~~current servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, or a current or~~  
248 ~~former law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), (6),~~  
249 ~~or (8). The sheriff who establishes a ~~chooses to establish the~~~~

250 program shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement on  
251 programmatic guiding principles, practices, and resources, and  
252 shall certify ~~appoint~~ as school guardians, without the power of  
253 arrest, school employees, as specified in s. 1006.12(3), who  
254 ~~volunteer and who:~~

255 a.1. ~~Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06.~~

256 b.2. ~~Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12~~  
257 hours of a certified nationally recognized diversity training  
258 and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and  
259 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and  
260 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

261 (I)a. ~~Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the~~

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262 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law  
263 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least  
264 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than  
265 associated with academy training. Program participants must  
266 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

267 ~~(II)b.~~ Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

268 ~~(III)e.~~ Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction  
269 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

270 ~~(IV)d.~~ Eight hours of instruction in active shooter or  
271 assailant scenarios.

272 ~~(V)e.~~ Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

273 ~~(VI)f.~~ Twelve hours of instruction in legal issues.

274 ~~c.3.~~ Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
275 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the  
276 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
277 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law  
278 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with  
279 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this  
280 paragraph.

281 ~~d.4.~~ Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent  
282 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
283 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

284 ~~e.5.~~ Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
285 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual  
286 basis.

287 ~~6.~~ ~~Successfully complete at least 12 hours of a certified~~  
288 ~~nationally recognized diversity training program.~~

289  
290 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training shall issue a

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291 school guardian certificate to individuals who meet the  
292 requirements of this section to the satisfaction of the sheriff,  
293 and ~~subparagraph 2.~~ The sheriff shall maintain documentation of  
294 weapon and equipment inspections, as well as the training,  
295 certification, inspection, and qualification records of each  
296 school guardian certified ~~appointed~~ by the sheriff. An  
297 individual who is certified under this paragraph may serve as a  
298 school guardian under s. 1006.12(3) only if he or she is  
299 appointed by the applicable school district superintendent or  
300 charter school principal.

301 Section 2. Effective October 1, 2019, section 843.08,  
302 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

303 843.08 False personation.—A person who falsely assumes or  
304 pretends to be a firefighter, a sheriff, an officer of the  
305 Florida Highway Patrol, an officer of the Fish and Wildlife  
306 Conservation Commission, a fire or arson investigator of the  
307 Department of Financial Services, an officer of the Department  
308 of Financial Services, an officer of the Department of  
309 Corrections, a correctional probation officer, a deputy sheriff,  
310 a state attorney or an assistant state attorney, a statewide  
311 prosecutor or an assistant statewide prosecutor, a state  
312 attorney investigator, a coroner, a police officer, a lottery  
313 special agent or lottery investigator, a beverage enforcement  
314 agent, a school guardian as described in s. 30.15(1)(k), a  
315 security officer licensed under chapter 493 ~~or watchman,~~ ~~or~~ any  
316 member of the Florida Commission on Offender Review or ~~and~~ any  
317 administrative aide or supervisor employed by the commission, ~~or~~  
318 any personnel or representative of the Department of Law  
319 Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement officer as defined in

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320 s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as such,  
321 or to require any other person to aid or assist him or her in a  
322 matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer, commits a  
323 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
324 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who  
325 falsely personates any such officer during the course of the  
326 commission of a felony commits a felony of the second degree,  
327 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
328 If the commission of the felony results in the death or personal  
329 injury of another human being, the person commits a felony of  
330 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
331 775.083, or s. 775.084. ~~The term "watchman" means a security~~  
332 ~~officer licensed under chapter 493.~~

333 Section 3. Subsection (16) is added to section 943.03,  
334 Florida Statutes, to read:

335 943.03 Department of Law Enforcement.—

336 (16) Upon request, the department shall consult with  
337 sheriffs to provide input regarding programmatic guiding  
338 principles, practices, and resources in order to assist in the  
339 development and implementation of the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian  
340 Program established pursuant to s. 30.15. Such input and  
341 guidance may include, but need not be limited to, standards,  
342 curriculum, instructional strategies, evaluation, certification,  
343 records retention, equipment, and other resource needs.

344 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 943.082, Florida  
345 Statutes, is amended to read:

346 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

347 (4) (a) Law enforcement dispatch centers, school districts,  
348 schools, and other entities identified by the department must

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349 ~~shall~~ be made aware of the mobile suspicious activity reporting  
350 tool.

351 (b) The district school board shall promote the use of the  
352 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool by advertising it on  
353 the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses,  
354 and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile  
355 devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on  
356 all computer devices issued to students.

357 Section 5. Subsection (9) is added to section 1001.10,  
358 Florida Statutes, to read:

359 1001.10 Commissioner of Education; general powers and  
360 duties.—

361 (9) The commissioner shall review the report of the School  
362 Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup regarding hardening and  
363 harm mitigation strategies and recommendations submitted by the  
364 Office of Safe Schools, pursuant to s. 1001.212(11). By  
365 September 1, 2020, the commissioner shall submit a summary of  
366 such recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
367 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

368 Section 6. Subsection (9) is added to section 1001.11,  
369 Florida Statutes, to read:

370 1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.—

371 (9) The commissioner shall oversee compliance with the  
372 safety and security requirements of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas  
373 High School Public Safety Act, chapter 2018-03, Laws of Florida,  
374 by school districts; district school superintendents; and public  
375 schools, including charter schools. The commissioner must  
376 facilitate compliance to the maximum extent provided under law,  
377 identify incidents of noncompliance, and impose or recommend to

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378 the State Board of Education, the Governor, or the Legislature  
379 enforcement and sanctioning actions pursuant to s. 1008.32 and  
380 other authority granted under law.

381 Section 7. Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, is amended  
382 to read:

383 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the  
384 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office  
385 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The  
386 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,  
387 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters  
388 regarding school safety and security, including prevention  
389 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness  
390 planning. The office shall:

391 (1) Establish and update as necessary a school security  
392 risk assessment tool for use by school districts pursuant to s.  
393 1006.07(6). The office shall make the security risk assessment  
394 tool available for use by charter schools. The office shall  
395 provide annual training to appropriate school district and  
396 charter school personnel on the proper assessment of physical  
397 site security and completion of the school security risk  
398 assessment tool.

399 (2) Provide ongoing professional development opportunities  
400 to school district personnel.

401 (3) Provide a coordinated and interdisciplinary approach to  
402 providing technical assistance and guidance to school districts  
403 on safety and security and recommendations to address findings  
404 identified pursuant to s. 1006.07(6).

405 (4) Develop and implement a School Safety Specialist  
406 Training Program for school safety specialists appointed

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407 pursuant to s. 1006.07(6). The office shall develop the training  
408 program which shall be based on national and state best  
409 practices on school safety and security and must include active  
410 shooter training. The office shall develop training modules in  
411 traditional or online formats. A school safety specialist  
412 certificate of completion shall be awarded to a school safety  
413 specialist who satisfactorily completes the training required by  
414 rules of the office.

415 (5) Review and provide recommendations on the security risk  
416 assessments. The department may contract with security  
417 personnel, consulting engineers, architects, or other safety and  
418 security experts the department deems necessary for safety and  
419 security consultant services.

420 (6) Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement to  
421 provide a centralized integrated data repository and data  
422 analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete, and  
423 accurate information integrating data from, at a minimum, but  
424 not limited to, the following data sources by August 1, 2019  
425 ~~December 1, 2018~~:

- 426 (a) Social media Internet posts;
- 427 (b) Department of Children and Families;
- 428 (c) Department of Law Enforcement;
- 429 (d) Department of Juvenile Justice;
- 430 (e) Mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as  
431 FortifyFL;
- 432 (f) School environmental safety incident reports collected  
433 under subsection (8); and
- 434 (g) ~~(e)~~ Local law enforcement.
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436 Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from public  
437 records requirements retains its exempt or confidential and  
438 exempt status when incorporated into the centralized integrated  
439 data repository. To maintain the confidentiality requirements  
440 attached to the information provided to the centralized  
441 integrated data repository by the various state and local  
442 agencies, data governance and security shall ensure compliance  
443 with all applicable state and federal data privacy requirements  
444 through the use of user authorization and role-based security,  
445 data anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities. To  
446 maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the  
447 information provided to the centralized integrated data  
448 repository by the various state and local agencies, each source  
449 agency providing data to the repository shall be the sole  
450 custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for  
451 inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department  
452 shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in  
453 accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies  
454 and the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
455 Criminal Justice Information Services security policy, where  
456 applicable.

457 (7) Provide data to support the evaluation of mental health  
458 services pursuant to s. 1004.44.

459 (8) Provide technical assistance to school districts and  
460 charter school governing boards for school environmental safety  
461 incident reporting as required under s. 1006.07(9). The office  
462 shall collect data through school environmental safety incident  
463 reports on incidents involving any person which occur on school  
464 premises, on school transportation, and at off-campus, school-



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465 sponsored events. The office shall review and evaluate school  
466 district reports to ensure compliance with reporting  
467 requirements. Upon notification by the department that a  
468 superintendent has failed to comply with the requirements of s.  
469 1006.07(9), the district school board shall withhold further  
470 payment of his or her salary as authorized under s.  
471 1001.42(13)(b) and impose other appropriate sanctions that the  
472 commissioner or state board by law may impose.

473 ~~(7) Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from~~  
474 ~~public records requirements retains its exempt or confidential~~  
475 ~~and exempt status when incorporated into the centralized~~  
476 ~~integrated data repository.~~

477 ~~(8) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached~~  
478 ~~to the information provided to the centralized integrated data~~  
479 ~~repository by the various state and local agencies, data~~  
480 ~~governance and security shall ensure compliance with all~~  
481 ~~applicable state and federal data privacy requirements through~~  
482 ~~the use of user authorization and role-based security, data~~  
483 ~~anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities.~~

484 ~~(9) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached~~  
485 ~~to the information provided to the centralized integrated data~~  
486 ~~repository by the various state and local agencies, each source~~  
487 ~~agency providing data for the repository shall be the sole~~  
488 ~~eustodian of the data for the purpose of any request for~~  
489 ~~inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department~~  
490 ~~shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in~~  
491 ~~accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies.~~

492 (9) ~~(10)~~ Award grants to schools to improve the safety and  
493 security of school buildings based upon recommendations of the

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494 security risk assessment developed pursuant to subsection (1).

495 (10)~~(11)~~ Disseminate, in consultation with the Department  
496 of Law Enforcement, to participating schools awareness and  
497 education materials on the School Safety Awareness Program  
498 developed pursuant to s. 943.082.

499 (11) (a) Convene a School Hardening and Harm Mitigation  
500 Workgroup composed of individuals with subject matter expertise  
501 on school campus hardening best practices. The workgroup shall  
502 meet as necessary to review school hardening and harm mitigation  
503 policies, including, but not limited to, the target hardening  
504 practices implemented in other states; the school safety  
505 guidelines developed by organizations such as the Partner  
506 Alliance for Safer Schools; the tiered approach to target campus  
507 hardening strategies identified in the initial report submitted  
508 by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety  
509 Commission pursuant to s. 943.687(9); and the Florida Building  
510 Code for educational facilities construction to determine  
511 whether the building code may need to be modified to strengthen  
512 school safety and security. Based on this review of school  
513 safety best practices, by August 1, 2020, the workgroup shall  
514 submit a report to the executive director of the office which  
515 includes, at a minimum, a prioritized list for the  
516 implementation of school campus hardening and harm mitigation  
517 strategies and the estimated costs of and timeframes for  
518 implementation of the strategies by school districts and charter  
519 schools. The estimated costs must include regional and statewide  
520 projections of the implementation costs.

521 (b) Submit to the commissioner:

522 1. The workgroup's report pursuant to paragraph (a); and

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523 2. Recommendations regarding procedures for the office to  
524 use to monitor and enforce compliance by the school districts  
525 and charter schools in the implementation of the workgroup's  
526 recommended campus hardening and harm mitigation strategies.

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528 This subsection is repealed June 30, 2023.

529 (12) By August 1, 2019, develop a standardized, statewide  
530 behavioral threat assessment instrument for use by all public  
531 schools, including charter schools, which addresses early  
532 identification, evaluation, early intervention, and student  
533 support.

534 (a) The standardized, statewide behavioral threat  
535 assessment instrument must include, but need not be limited to,  
536 components and forms that address:

537 1. An assessment of the threat, which includes an  
538 assessment of the student, family, and school and social  
539 dynamics.

540 2. An evaluation to determine if the threat is transient or  
541 substantive.

542 3. The response to a substantive threat, which includes the  
543 school response and the role of law enforcement agencies.

544 4. The response to a serious substantive threat, including  
545 mental health and law enforcement referrals.

546 5. Ongoing monitoring to assess implementation of safety  
547 strategies.

548 6. Training for members of threat assessment teams  
549 established under s. 1006.07(7) and school administrators  
550 regarding the use of the instrument.

551 (b) The office shall:

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552 1. By August 1, 2020, evaluate each school district's and  
553 charter school governing board's behavioral threat assessment  
554 procedures for compliance with this subsection.

555 2. Notify the district school superintendent or charter  
556 school governing board, as applicable, if the behavioral threat  
557 assessment is not in compliance with this subsection.

558 3. Report any issues of ongoing noncompliance with this  
559 subsection to the commissioner and the district school  
560 superintendent or the charter school governing board, as  
561 applicable.

562 (13) Establish the Statewide Threat Assessment Database  
563 Workgroup, composed of members appointed by the department, to  
564 complement the work of the department and the Department of Law  
565 Enforcement associated with the centralized integrated data  
566 repository and data analytics resources initiative and make  
567 recommendations regarding the development of a statewide threat  
568 assessment database. The database must allow authorized public  
569 school personnel to enter information related to any threat  
570 assessment conducted at their respective schools using the  
571 instrument developed by the office pursuant to subsection (12),  
572 and must provide such information to authorized personnel in  
573 each school district and public school and to appropriate  
574 stakeholders. By December 31, 2019, the workgroup shall provide  
575 a report to the office with recommendations that include, but  
576 need not be limited to:

577 (a) Threat assessment data that should be required to be  
578 entered into the database.

579 (b) School district and public school personnel who should  
580 be allowed to input student records to the database and view

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581 such records.

582 (c) Database design and functionality, to include data  
583 security.

584 (d) Restrictions and authorities on information sharing,  
585 including:

586 1. Section 1002.22 and other applicable state laws.

587 2. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA),  
588 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, 42 C.F.R. part 2; the Health Insurance  
589 Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. s. 1320d6,  
590 45 C.F.R. part 164, subpart E; and other applicable federal  
591 laws.

592 3. The appropriateness of interagency agreements that will  
593 allow law enforcement to view database records.

594 (e) The cost to develop and maintain a statewide online  
595 database.

596 (f) An implementation plan and timeline for the workgroup  
597 recommendations.

598 (14) Monitor compliance with requirements relating to  
599 school safety by school districts and public schools, including  
600 charter schools. The office shall report incidents of  
601 noncompliance to the commissioner pursuant to s. 1001.11(9) and  
602 the state board pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other requirements of  
603 law, as appropriate.

604 (15) Annually publish a list detailing the total number of  
605 safe-school officers in this state, the total number of safe-  
606 school officers disciplined or relieved of their duties because  
607 of misconduct in the previous year, the total number of  
608 disciplinary incidents involving safe-school officers, and the  
609 number of incidents in which a safe-school officer discharged

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610 his or her firearm outside of a training situation or in the  
611 exercise of his or her duties as a safe-school officer.

612 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section  
613 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

614 1002.33 Charter schools.—

615 (16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

616 (b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance  
617 with the following statutes:

618 1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and  
619 records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.

620 2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.

621 3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size,  
622 except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s.  
623 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.

624 4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and  
625 salary schedules.

626 5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.

627 6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with  
628 instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.

629 7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive  
630 requirements for performance evaluations for instructional  
631 personnel and school administrators.

632 8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.

633 9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat assessment teams.

634 10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental  
635 Safety Incident Reporting.

636 11. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe Schools  
637 Assessment Tool.

638 12. Section 1006.07(6)(c), relating to adopting an active

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639 assailant response plan.

640 13. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile  
641 suspicious activity reporting tool.

642 14. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health  
643 awareness and assistance training.

644 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1003.25, Florida  
645 Statutes, is amended to read:

646 1003.25 Procedures for maintenance and transfer of student  
647 records.—

648 (2) The procedure for transferring and maintaining records  
649 of students who transfer from school to school shall be  
650 prescribed by rules of the State Board of Education. The  
651 transfer of records shall occur within 3 school days. The  
652 records shall include:

653 (a) Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior  
654 patterns, including threat assessment evaluations and  
655 intervention services.

656 (b) Psychological evaluations, including therapeutic  
657 treatment plans and therapy or progress notes created or  
658 maintained by school district or charter school staff, as  
659 appropriate.

660 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (a)  
661 of subsection (4), and subsections (6) and (7) of section  
662 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (9) is  
663 added to that section, to read:

664 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
665 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
666 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
667 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper

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668 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
669 welfare of students, including:

670 (1) CONTROL OF STUDENTS.—

671 (b) Require each student at the time of initial  
672 registration for school in the school district to note previous  
673 school expulsions, arrests resulting in a charge, juvenile  
674 justice actions, and any corresponding referral ~~referrals~~ to  
675 mental health services by the school district ~~the student has~~  
676 ~~had~~, and have the authority as the district school board of a  
677 receiving school district to honor the final order of expulsion  
678 or dismissal of a student by any in-state or out-of-state public  
679 district school board or private school, or lab school, for an  
680 act which would have been grounds for expulsion according to the  
681 receiving district school board's code of student conduct, in  
682 accordance with the following procedures:

683 1. A final order of expulsion shall be recorded in the  
684 records of the receiving school district.

685 2. The expelled student applying for admission to the  
686 receiving school district shall be advised of the final order of  
687 expulsion.

688 3. The district school superintendent of the receiving  
689 school district may recommend to the district school board that  
690 the final order of expulsion be waived and the student be  
691 admitted to the school district, or that the final order of  
692 expulsion be honored and the student not be admitted to the  
693 school district. If the student is admitted by the district  
694 school board, with or without the recommendation of the district  
695 school superintendent, the student may be placed in an  
696 appropriate educational program and referred to mental health



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697 services identified by the school district pursuant to s.  
698 1012.584(4), when appropriate, at the direction of the district  
699 school board.

700 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

701 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in  
702 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for  
703 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not  
704 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active shooter and hostage  
705 situations, and bomb threats, for all students and faculty at  
706 all public schools of the district comprised of grades K-12.  
707 Drills for active shooter and hostage situations shall be  
708 conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and  
709 age-appropriate procedures at least as often as other emergency  
710 drills. District school board policies shall include commonly  
711 used alarm system responses for specific types of emergencies  
712 and verification by each school that drills have been provided  
713 as required by law and fire protection codes. The emergency  
714 response policy shall identify the individuals responsible for  
715 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the  
716 emergency response agency that is responsible for notifying the  
717 school district for each type of emergency.

718 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district  
719 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures  
720 for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the  
721 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior  
722 poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

723 (a) Each district school superintendent shall designate a  
724 ~~school administrator~~ as a school safety specialist for the  
725 district. The school safety specialist must be a school

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726 administrator employed by the school district or a law  
727 enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in  
728 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated  
729 from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved  
730 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school  
731 safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains  
732 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation,  
733 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized  
734 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's  
735 office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine  
736 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the  
737 costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer  
738 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must  
739 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist  
740 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year  
741 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and  
742 oversight for all school safety and security personnel,  
743 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school  
744 safety specialist shall:

745 1. Review school district policies and procedures for  
746 compliance with state law and rules, including the district's  
747 timely and accurate submission of school environmental safety  
748 incident reports to the department pursuant to s. 1001.212(8).

749 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to students  
750 and school district staff in matters relating to youth mental  
751 health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures, including  
752 active shooter training; and school safety and security.

753 3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public  
754 safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and

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755 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

756 4. In collaboration with the appropriate public safety  
757 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of  
758 each year, conduct a school security risk assessment in  
759 ~~accordance with s. 1006.1493~~ at each public school using the  
760 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool ~~school security risk~~  
761 ~~assessment tool~~ developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant  
762 to s. 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the  
763 district's school safety specialist shall provide  
764 recommendations to the district school superintendent and the  
765 district school board which identify strategies and activities  
766 that the district school board should implement in order to  
767 address the findings and improve school safety and security.  
768 ~~Annually,~~ Each district school board must receive such findings  
769 and the school safety specialist's recommendations at a publicly  
770 noticed district school board meeting to provide the public an  
771 opportunity to hear the district school board members discuss  
772 and take action on the findings and recommendations. Each school  
773 safety specialist shall report such findings and school board  
774 action to the Office of Safe Schools within 30 days after the  
775 district school board meeting.

776 (b) Each school safety specialist shall coordinate with the  
777 appropriate public safety agencies, as defined in s. 365.171,  
778 that are designated as first responders to a school's campus to  
779 conduct a tour of such campus once every 3 years and provide  
780 recommendations related to school safety. The recommendations by  
781 the public safety agencies must be considered as part of the  
782 recommendations by the school safety specialist pursuant to  
783 paragraph (a).

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784 (c) Each district school board and charter school governing  
785 board must adopt an active assailant response plan. By October  
786 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, each district school  
787 superintendent and charter school principal shall certify that  
788 all school personnel have received annual training on the  
789 procedures contained in the active assailant response plan for  
790 the applicable school district or charter school.

791 (7) THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board  
792 shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment  
793 teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of  
794 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose  
795 behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or  
796 students consistent with the model policies developed by the  
797 Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must ~~shall~~ include  
798 procedures for referrals to mental health services identified by  
799 the school district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when  
800 appropriate, and procedures for behavioral threat assessments in  
801 compliance with the instrument developed pursuant to s.  
802 1001.212(12).

803 (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with  
804 expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and  
805 law enforcement. The threat assessment teams shall identify  
806 members of the school community to whom threatening behavior  
807 should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty,  
808 and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant  
809 behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school,  
810 or self. Upon the availability of the behavioral threat  
811 assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12), the  
812 threat assessment team shall use that instrument.

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813 (b) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a  
814 threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or  
815 others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its  
816 determination to the superintendent or his or her designee. The  
817 superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt  
818 to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in  
819 this subsection shall preclude school district personnel from  
820 acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

821 (c) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat  
822 assessment team that a student poses a threat of violence to  
823 himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly  
824 disruptive behavior or need for assistance, authorized members  
825 of the threat assessment team may obtain criminal history record  
826 information pursuant to s. 985.04(1), ~~as provided in s. 985.047.~~  
827 A member of a threat assessment team may not disclose any  
828 criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this  
829 section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the  
830 purpose for which such disclosure was made to the threat  
831 assessment team.

832 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state  
833 and local agencies and programs that provide services to  
834 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or  
835 a mental illness, including the school districts, school  
836 personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the  
837 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and  
838 Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care  
839 Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the  
840 Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office,  
841 and any service or support provider contracting with such

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842 agencies, may share with each other records or information that  
843 are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 if  
844 the records or information are reasonably necessary to ensure  
845 access to appropriate services for the student or to ensure the  
846 safety of the student or others. All such state and local  
847 agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and  
848 coordinate efforts to serve such students.

849 (e) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse crisis  
850 is suspected, school personnel shall follow policies established  
851 by the threat assessment team to engage behavioral health crisis  
852 resources. Behavioral health crisis resources, including, but  
853 not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school resource officers  
854 trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency  
855 intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and refer the  
856 student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall  
857 report all such situations and actions taken to the threat  
858 assessment team, which shall contact the other agencies involved  
859 with the student and any known service providers to share  
860 information and coordinate any necessary followup actions. Upon  
861 the student's transfer to a different school, the threat  
862 assessment team shall verify that any intervention services  
863 provided to the student remain in place until the threat  
864 assessment team of the receiving school independently determines  
865 the need for intervention services.

866 (f) Each threat assessment team established pursuant to  
867 this subsection shall report quantitative data on its activities  
868 to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with guidance from  
869 the office and shall utilize the threat assessment database  
870 developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(13) upon the availability of

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871 the database.

872 (9) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING.—Each  
873 district school board shall adopt policies to ensure the  
874 accurate and timely reporting of incidents related to school  
875 safety and discipline. The district school superintendent is  
876 responsible for school environmental safety incident reporting.  
877 A district school superintendent who fails to comply with this  
878 subsection is subject to the penalties specified in law,  
879 including, but not limited to, s. 1001.42(13) (b) or s.  
880 1001.51(12) (b), as applicable. The State Board of Education  
881 shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school  
882 environmental safety incident report.

883 Section 11. Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended  
884 to read:

885 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For the  
886 protection and safety of school personnel, property, students,  
887 and visitors, each district school board and school district  
888 superintendent shall partner with law enforcement agencies or  
889 security agencies to establish or assign one or more safe-school  
890 officers at each school facility within the district, including  
891 charter schools. A district school board must collaborate with  
892 charter school governing boards to facilitate charter school  
893 access to all safe-school officer options available under this  
894 section. The school district may implement ~~by implementing~~ any  
895 combination of the ~~following~~ options in subsections (1)-(4) to  
896 best meet ~~which best meets~~ the needs of the school district and  
897 charter schools.÷

898 (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may  
899 establish school resource officer programs, through a

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900 cooperative agreement with law enforcement agencies.

901 (a) School resource officers shall undergo criminal  
902 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation  
903 and be certified law enforcement officers, as defined in s.  
904 943.10(1), who are employed by a law enforcement agency as  
905 defined in s. 943.10(4). The powers and duties of a law  
906 enforcement officer shall continue throughout the employee's  
907 tenure as a school resource officer.

908 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district school  
909 board policies and shall consult with and coordinate activities  
910 through the school principal, but shall be responsible to the  
911 law enforcement agency in all matters relating to employment,  
912 subject to agreements between a district school board and a law  
913 enforcement agency. Activities conducted by the school resource  
914 officer which are part of the regular instructional program of  
915 the school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

916 (c) Complete mental health crisis intervention training  
917 using a curriculum developed by a national organization with  
918 expertise in mental health crisis intervention. The training  
919 shall improve officers' knowledge and skills as first responders  
920 to incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or  
921 mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student  
922 and officer safety.

923 (2) SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER.—A school district may commission  
924 one or more school safety officers for the protection and safety  
925 of school personnel, property, and students within the school  
926 district. The district school superintendent may recommend, and  
927 the district school board may appoint, one or more school safety  
928 officers.



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929 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal  
930 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation  
931 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1),  
932 certified under the provisions of chapter 943 and employed by  
933 either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board.  
934 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the  
935 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of  
936 chapter 943, and must comply with the provisions of that  
937 chapter.

938 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the  
939 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school  
940 board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such  
941 property, who violate any law on such property under the same  
942 conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.  
943 A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when  
944 performing his or her official duties.

945 (c) A district school board may enter into mutual aid  
946 agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided  
947 in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid  
948 jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement  
949 agency, as mutually agreed to.

950 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—At the school district's or the  
951 charter school governing board's discretion, as applicable,  
952 pursuant to s. 30.15, a school district or charter school  
953 governing board may participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian  
954 Program if such program is established pursuant to s. 30.15, to  
955 meet the requirement of establishing a safe-school officer. The  
956 following individuals may serve as a school guardian, in support  
957 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon

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958 satisfactory completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k)  
959 and certification by a sheriff:

960 (a) A school district employee or personnel, as defined  
961 under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided  
962 under s. 1002.33(12)(a), who volunteers to serve as a school  
963 guardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

964 (b) An employee of a school district or a charter school  
965 who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school  
966 guardian.

967 (4) SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD.—A school district or charter  
968 school governing board may contract with a security agency as  
969 defined in s. 493.6101(18) to employ as a school security guard  
970 an individual who holds a Class "D" and Class "G" license  
971 pursuant to chapter 493, provided the following training and  
972 contractual conditions are met:

973 (a) An individual who serves as a school security guard,  
974 for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section,  
975 must:

976 1. Demonstrate completion of 144 hours of required training  
977 pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.

978 2. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a  
979 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the  
980 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the  
981 evaluation to the sheriff's office, school district, or charter  
982 school governing board, as applicable. The Department of Law  
983 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office,  
984 school district, or charter school governing board with mental  
985 health and substance abuse data for compliance with this  
986 paragraph.

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987 3. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent  
988 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.  
989 112.0455 and the sheriff's office, school district, or charter  
990 school governing board, as applicable.

991 4. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon  
992 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual  
993 basis and provide documentation to the sheriff's office, school  
994 district, or charter school governing board, as applicable.

995 (b) The contract between a security agency and a school  
996 district or a charter school governing board regarding  
997 requirements applicable to school security guards serving in the  
998 capacity of a safe-school officer for purposes of satisfying the  
999 requirements of this section shall define the entity or entities  
1000 responsible for training and the responsibilities for  
1001 maintaining records relating to training, inspection, and  
1002 firearm qualification.

1003 (c) School security guards serving in the capacity of a  
1004 safe-school officer pursuant to this subsection are in support  
1005 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, and  
1006 must aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant  
1007 incidents on school premises.

1008 (5) NOTIFICATION.—The school district shall notify the  
1009 county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools immediately after,  
1010 but no later than 72 hours after:

1011 (a) A safe-school officer is dismissed for misconduct or is  
1012 otherwise disciplined.

1013 (b) A safe-school officer discharges his or her firearm in  
1014 the exercise of the safe-school officer's duties, other than for  
1015 training purposes.

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1016        ~~(6)~~~~(4)~~ EXEMPTION.—Any information that would identify  
1017 whether a particular individual has been appointed as a safe-  
1018 school officer pursuant to this section held by a law  
1019 enforcement agency, school district, or charter school is exempt  
1020 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
1021 Constitution. This subsection is subject to the Open Government  
1022 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
1023 repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from  
1024 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

1025  
1026 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,  
1027 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any  
1028 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school  
1029 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety  
1030 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the  
1031 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource  
1032 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school  
1033 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.  
1034 1011.62(15) and shall be retained by the school district.

1035        Section 12. Subsection (1), paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of  
1036 subsection (2), and subsection (4) of section 1006.13, Florida  
1037 Statutes, are amended to read:

1038        1006.13 Policy of zero tolerance for crime and  
1039 victimization.—

1040        (1) District school boards shall promote a safe and  
1041 supportive learning environment in schools by protecting  
1042 students and staff from conduct that poses a ~~serious~~ threat to  
1043 school safety. A threat assessment team may use alternatives to  
1044 expulsion or referral to law enforcement agencies to address

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1045 disruptive behavior through restitution, civil citation, teen  
1046 court, neighborhood restorative justice, or similar programs.  
1047 Zero-tolerance policies may not be rigorously applied to petty  
1048 acts of misconduct ~~and misdemeanors, including, but not limited~~  
1049 ~~to, minor fights or disturbances.~~ Zero-tolerance policies must  
1050 apply equally to all students regardless of their economic  
1051 status, race, or disability.

1052 (2) Each district school board shall adopt a policy of zero  
1053 tolerance that:

1054 (a) Defines criteria for reporting to a law enforcement  
1055 agency any act that poses a threat to school safety that occurs  
1056 whenever or wherever students are within the jurisdiction of the  
1057 district school board.

1058 (b) Defines acts that pose a ~~serious~~ threat to school  
1059 safety.

1060 (c) Defines petty acts of misconduct which are not a threat  
1061 to school safety and do not require consultation with law  
1062 enforcement.

1063 (4) (a) Each district school board shall enter into  
1064 agreements with the county sheriff's office and local police  
1065 department specifying guidelines for ensuring that acts that  
1066 pose a ~~serious~~ threat to school safety, whether committed by a  
1067 student or adult, are reported to a law enforcement agency.

1068 (b) The agreements must include the role of school resource  
1069 officers, if applicable, in handling reported incidents, ~~and~~  
1070 ~~circumstances in which school officials may handle incidents~~  
1071 ~~without filing a report with a law enforcement agency,~~ and a  
1072 procedure requiring ~~for ensuring that~~ school personnel to  
1073 consult with school resource officers concerning ~~properly report~~

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1074 appropriate delinquent acts and crimes.

1075 ~~(c) Zero tolerance policies do not require the reporting of~~  
1076 ~~petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors to a law enforcement~~  
1077 ~~agency, including, but not limited to, disorderly conduct,~~  
1078 ~~simple assault or battery, affray, theft of less than \$300,~~  
1079 ~~trespassing, and vandalism of less than \$1,000. However, if a~~  
1080 ~~student commits more than one misdemeanor, the threat assessment~~  
1081 ~~team must consult with law enforcement to determine if the act~~  
1082 ~~should be reported to law enforcement.~~

1083 ~~(c)(d)~~ The school principal shall notify ~~ensure that~~ all  
1084 school personnel ~~are properly informed~~ as to their  
1085 responsibilities regarding incident ~~crime~~ reporting, that  
1086 ~~appropriate delinquent acts~~ which pose a threat to school safety  
1087 and crimes are properly reported to the school principal, or his  
1088 or her designee, and that the disposition of the incident is  
1089 ~~actions taken in cases with special circumstances are properly~~  
1090 ~~taken and documented.~~

1091 Section 13. Section 1006.1493, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1092 to read:

1093 1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.—

1094 (1) The department, through the Office of Safe Schools  
1095 pursuant s. 1001.212, shall contract with a security consulting  
1096 firm that specializes in the development of risk assessment  
1097 software solutions and has experience in conducting security  
1098 assessments of public facilities to develop, update, and  
1099 implement a risk assessment tool, which shall be known as the  
1100 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT). The FSSAT must be  
1101 the primary physical site security assessment tool as revised  
1102 and required by the Office of Safe Schools which is used by

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1103 school officials at each school district and public school site  
1104 in the state in conducting security assessments ~~for use by~~  
1105 ~~school officials at each school district and public school site~~  
1106 ~~in the state.~~

1107 (2) The FSSAT must help school officials identify threats,  
1108 vulnerabilities, and appropriate safety controls for the schools  
1109 that they supervise, pursuant to the security risk assessment  
1110 requirements of s. 1006.07(6).

1111 (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the  
1112 following components:

- 1113 1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;
- 1114 2. Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and  
1115 procedures;
- 1116 3. Physical security measures;
- 1117 4. Professional development training needs;
- 1118 5. An examination of support service roles in school  
1119 safety, security, and emergency planning;
- 1120 6. School security and school police staffing, operational  
1121 practices, and related services;
- 1122 7. School and community collaboration on school safety; and
- 1123 8. A return on investment analysis of the recommended  
1124 physical security controls.

1125 (b) The department shall require by contract that the  
1126 security consulting firm:

- 1127 1. Generate written automated reports on assessment  
1128 findings for review by the department and school and district  
1129 officials;
- 1130 2. Provide training to the department and school officials  
1131 in the use of the FSSAT and other areas of importance identified

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1132 by the department, ~~and~~

1133 3. Advise in the development and implementation of  
1134 templates, formats, guidance, and other resources necessary to  
1135 facilitate the implementation of this section at state,  
1136 district, school, and local levels; and.

1137 4. Review recommendations of the School Hardening and Harm  
1138 Mitigation Workgroup established under s. 1001.212(11) to  
1139 address physical security measures identified by the FSSAT.

1140 (3) The Office of Safe Schools shall make the FSSAT  
1141 available no later than May 1 of each year. The office must  
1142 provide annual training to each district's school safety  
1143 specialist and other appropriate school district personnel on  
1144 the assessment of physical site security and completing the  
1145 FSSAT.

1146 (4) By December 1 of each year, ~~By December 1, 2018, and~~  
1147 ~~annually by that date thereafter,~~ the department shall ~~must~~  
1148 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
1149 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the status of  
1150 implementation across school districts and schools. The report  
1151 must include a summary of the positive school safety measures in  
1152 place at the time of the assessment and any recommendations for  
1153 policy changes or funding needed to facilitate continued school  
1154 safety planning, improvement, and response at the state,  
1155 district, or school levels.

1156 ~~(5)~~ ~~(4)~~ In accordance with ss. 119.071(3)(a) and 281.301,  
1157 data and information related to security risk assessments  
1158 administered pursuant to this section and s. 1006.07(6) and the  
1159 security information contained in the annual report required  
1160 pursuant to subsection (4) ~~subsection (3)~~ are confidential and



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1161 exempt from public records requirements.

1162 Section 14. Subsection (15) of section 1011.62, Florida  
1163 Statutes, is amended to read:

1164 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
1165 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
1166 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
1167 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
1168 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
1169 follows:

1170 (15) SAFE SCHOOLS ALLOCATION.—A safe schools allocation is  
1171 created to provide funding to assist school districts in their  
1172 compliance with ss. 1006.07-1006.12 ~~s. 1006.07~~, with priority  
1173 given to safe-school officers ~~implementing the district's school~~  
1174 ~~resource officer program~~ pursuant to s. 1006.12. Each school  
1175 district shall receive a minimum safe schools allocation in an  
1176 amount provided in the General Appropriations Act. Of the  
1177 remaining balance of the safe schools allocation, two-thirds  
1178 shall be allocated to school districts based on the most recent  
1179 official Florida Crime Index provided by the Department of Law  
1180 Enforcement and one-third shall be allocated based on each  
1181 school district's proportionate share of the state's total  
1182 unweighted full-time equivalent student enrollment. Any  
1183 additional funds appropriated to this allocation in the 2018-  
1184 2019 fiscal year must ~~to the school resource officer program~~  
1185 ~~established pursuant to s. 1006.12~~ shall be used exclusively for  
1186 employing or contracting for safe-school resource officers,  
1187 established or assigned under s. 1006.12 ~~which shall be in~~  
1188 ~~addition to the number of officers employed or contracted for in~~  
1189 ~~the 2017-2018 fiscal year.~~ This subsection applies retroactively

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1190 to July 1, 2018. The amendments to this subsection are intended  
1191 to be clarifying and remedial in nature.

1192 Section 15. Effective July 1, 2019, paragraphs (b) and (c)  
1193 of subsection (6), subsection (15), as amended by this act, and  
1194 subsection (16) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are  
1195 amended to read:

1196 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
1197 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
1198 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
1199 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing  
1200 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
1201 follows:

1202 (6) CATEGORICAL FUNDS.—

1203 (b) If a district school board finds and declares in a  
1204 resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that  
1205 the funds received for any of the following categorical  
1206 appropriations are urgently needed to maintain school board  
1207 specified academic classroom instruction or improve school  
1208 safety, the school board may consider and approve an amendment  
1209 to the school district operating budget transferring the  
1210 identified amount of the categorical funds to the appropriate  
1211 account for expenditure:

1212 1. Funds for student transportation.

1213 2. Funds for research-based reading instruction if the  
1214 required additional hour of instruction beyond the normal school  
1215 day for each day of the entire school year has been provided for  
1216 the students in each low-performing elementary school in the  
1217 district pursuant to paragraph (9) (a).

1218 3. Funds for instructional materials if all instructional

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1219 material purchases necessary to provide updated materials that  
1220 are aligned with applicable state standards and course  
1221 descriptions and that meet statutory requirements of content and  
1222 learning have been completed for that fiscal year, but no sooner  
1223 than March 1. Funds available after March 1 may be used to  
1224 purchase hardware for student instruction.

1225 4. Funds for the guaranteed allocation as provided in  
1226 subparagraph (1)(e)2.

1227 5. Funds for the supplemental academic instruction  
1228 allocation as provided in paragraph (1)(f).

1229 6. Funds for the Florida digital classrooms allocation as  
1230 provided in subsection (12).

1231 7. Funds for the federally connected student supplement as  
1232 provided in subsection (13).

1233 8. Funds for class size reduction as provided in s.  
1234 1011.685.

1235 (c) Each district school board shall include in its annual  
1236 financial report to the Department of Education the amount of  
1237 funds the school board transferred from each of the categorical  
1238 funds identified in this subsection and the specific academic  
1239 classroom instruction or school safety need for which the  
1240 transferred funds were expended. The Department of Education  
1241 shall provide instructions and specify the format to be used in  
1242 submitting this required information as a part of the district  
1243 annual financial report. The Department of Education shall  
1244 submit a report to the Legislature that identifies by district  
1245 and by categorical fund the amount transferred and the specific  
1246 academic classroom activity or school safety need for which the  
1247 funds were expended.

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1248 (15) SAFE SCHOOLS ALLOCATION.—A safe schools allocation is  
1249 created to provide funding to assist school districts in their  
1250 compliance with ss. 1006.07-1006.12, with priority given to  
1251 safe-school officers pursuant to s. 1006.12. Each school  
1252 district shall receive a minimum safe schools allocation in an  
1253 amount provided in the General Appropriations Act. Of the  
1254 remaining balance of the safe schools allocation, one-third ~~two-~~  
1255 ~~thirds~~ shall be allocated to school districts based on the most  
1256 recent official Florida Crime Index provided by the Department  
1257 of Law Enforcement and two-thirds ~~one-third~~ shall be allocated  
1258 based on each school district's proportionate share of the  
1259 state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student  
1260 enrollment. Each school district must report to the Department  
1261 of Education by October 15 that all public schools within the  
1262 school district have completed the school security risk  
1263 assessment using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool  
1264 developed pursuant to s. 1006.1493. If a district school board  
1265 is required by s. 1006.12 to assign a school resource officer or  
1266 school safety officer to a charter school, the charter school's  
1267 share of costs for such officer may not exceed the amount of  
1268 funds allocated to the charter school under this subsection ~~Any~~  
1269 ~~additional funds appropriated to this allocation in the 2018-~~  
1270 ~~2019 fiscal year must be used exclusively for employing or~~  
1271 ~~contracting for safe-school officers, established or assigned~~  
1272 ~~under s. 1006.12. This subsection applies retroactively to July~~  
1273 ~~1, 2018. The amendments to this subsection are intended to be~~  
1274 ~~clarifying and remedial in nature.~~

1275 (16) MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION.—The mental health  
1276 assistance allocation is created to provide funding to assist

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1277 school districts in establishing or expanding school-based  
1278 mental health care; train educators and other school staff in  
1279 detecting and responding to mental health issues; and connect  
1280 children, youth, and families who may experience behavioral  
1281 health issues with appropriate services. These funds shall be  
1282 allocated annually in the General Appropriations Act or other  
1283 law to each eligible school district. Each school district shall  
1284 receive a minimum of \$100,000, with the remaining balance  
1285 allocated based on each school district's proportionate share of  
1286 the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student  
1287 enrollment. ~~Eligible~~ Charter schools that submit a plan separate  
1288 from the school district are entitled to a proportionate share  
1289 of district funding. ~~At least 90 percent of a district's~~  
1290 ~~allocation must be expended on the elements specified in~~  
1291 ~~subparagraphs (b)1. and 2.~~ The allocated funds may not supplant  
1292 funds that are provided for this purpose from other operating  
1293 funds and may not be used to increase salaries or provide  
1294 bonuses. School districts are encouraged to maximize third-party  
1295 ~~third-party~~ health insurance benefits and Medicaid claiming for  
1296 services, where appropriate.

1297 (a) Before the distribution of the allocation:

1298 1. The school district must develop and submit a detailed  
1299 plan outlining the local program and planned expenditures to the  
1300 district school board for approval. This plan must include all  
1301 district schools, including charter schools, unless a charter  
1302 school elects to submit a plan independently from the school  
1303 district pursuant to subparagraph 2.

1304 2. A charter school may ~~must~~ develop and submit a detailed  
1305 plan outlining the local program and planned expenditures to its

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1306 governing body for approval. After the plan is approved by the  
1307 governing body, it must be provided to the charter school's  
1308 sponsor.

1309 (b) The plans required under paragraph (a) must be focused  
1310 on a multi-tiered system of supports to deliver ~~delivering~~  
1311 evidence-based mental health care assessment, diagnosis,  
1312 intervention, treatment, and recovery services to students with  
1313 one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse  
1314 diagnoses and to students at high risk of such diagnoses. The  
1315 provision of these services must be coordinated with a student's  
1316 primary mental health care provider and with other mental health  
1317 providers involved in the student's care. At a minimum, the  
1318 plans must ~~treatment to children and~~ include the following  
1319 elements:

1320 1. Direct employment of school-based mental health services  
1321 providers to expand and enhance school-based student services  
1322 and to reduce the ratio of students to staff in order to better  
1323 align with nationally recommended ratio models. These providers  
1324 include, but are not limited to, certified school counselors,  
1325 school psychologists, school social workers, and other licensed  
1326 mental health professionals. The plan also must identify  
1327 strategies to increase the amount of time that school-based  
1328 student services personnel spend providing direct services to  
1329 students, which may include the review and revision of district  
1330 staffing resource allocations based on school or student mental  
1331 health assistance needs ~~Provision of mental health assessment,~~  
1332 ~~diagnosis, intervention, treatment, and recovery services to~~  
1333 ~~students with one or more mental health or co-occurring~~  
1334 ~~substance abuse diagnoses and students at high risk of such~~

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1335 diagnoses.

1336       2. Contracts or interagency agreements with one or more  
1337 local community behavioral health providers or providers of  
1338 Community Action Team services to provide a behavioral health  
1339 staff presence and services at district schools. Services may  
1340 include, but are not limited to, mental health screenings and  
1341 assessments, individual counseling, family counseling, group  
1342 counseling, psychiatric or psychological services, trauma-  
1343 informed care, mobile crisis services, and behavior  
1344 modification. These behavioral health services may be provided  
1345 on or off the school campus and may be supplemented by  
1346 telehealth ~~Coordination of such services with a student's~~  
1347 ~~primary care provider and with other mental health providers~~  
1348 ~~involved in the student's care.~~

1349       3. Policies and procedures, including contracts with  
1350 service providers, which will ensure that students who are  
1351 referred to a school-based or community-based mental health  
1352 service provider for mental health screening for the  
1353 identification of mental health concerns and ensure that the  
1354 assessment of students at risk for mental health disorders  
1355 occurs within 15 days of referral. School-based mental health  
1356 services must be initiated within 15 days after identification  
1357 and assessment, and support by community-based mental health  
1358 service providers for students who are referred for community-  
1359 based mental health services must be initiated within 30 days  
1360 after the school or district makes a referral ~~Direct employment~~  
1361 ~~of such service providers, or a contract-based collaborative~~  
1362 ~~effort or partnership with one or more local community mental~~  
1363 ~~health programs, agencies, or providers.~~

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1364 4. Strategies or programs to reduce the likelihood of at-  
1365 risk students developing social, emotional, or behavioral health  
1366 problems, depression, anxiety disorders, suicidal tendencies, or  
1367 substance use disorders.

1368 5. Strategies to improve the early identification of  
1369 social, emotional, or behavioral problems or substance use  
1370 disorders, to improve the provision of early intervention  
1371 services, and to assist students in dealing with trauma and  
1372 violence.

1373 (c) School districts shall submit approved plans, including  
1374 approved plans of each charter school in the district, to the  
1375 commissioner by August 1 of each fiscal year.

1376 (d) Beginning September 30, 2019, and annually by September  
1377 30 thereafter, each school district shall submit to the  
1378 Department of Education a report on its program outcomes and  
1379 expenditures for the previous fiscal year that, at a minimum,  
1380 must include the number of each of the following:

1381 1. Students who receive screenings or assessments.

1382 2. Students who are referred to either school-based or  
1383 community-based providers for services or assistance.

1384 3. Students who receive either school-based or community-  
1385 based interventions, services, or assistance.

1386 4. School-based and community-based mental health  
1387 providers, including licensure type, paid for from funds  
1388 provided through the allocation ~~Direct employment service~~  
1389 ~~providers employed by each school district.~~

1390 5. Contract-based collaborative efforts or partnerships  
1391 with community mental health programs, agencies, or providers.

1392 Section 16. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment



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1393 made by this act to section 843.08, Florida Statutes, in a  
 1394 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 1395 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1396 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking  
 1397 chart.—

1398 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

1399 (b) LEVEL 2

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Florida  
 Statute

Felony  
 Degree

Description

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379.2431  
 (1) (e) 3.

3rd

Possession of 11 or  
 fewer marine turtle eggs  
 in violation of the  
 Marine Turtle Protection  
 Act.

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379.2431  
 (1) (e) 4.

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Possession of more than  
 11 marine turtle eggs in  
 violation of the Marine  
 Turtle Protection Act.

1403

403.413 (6) (c)

3rd

Dumps waste litter  
 exceeding 500 lbs. in  
 weight or 100 cubic feet  
 in volume or any  
 quantity for commercial  
 purposes, or hazardous  
 waste.

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1404	517.07(2)	3rd	Failure to furnish a prospectus meeting requirements.
1405	590.28(1)	3rd	Intentional burning of lands.
1406	784.05(3)	3rd	Storing or leaving a loaded firearm within reach of minor who uses it to inflict injury or death.
1407	787.04(1)	3rd	In violation of court order, take, entice, etc., minor beyond state limits.
1408	806.13(1)(b)3.	3rd	Criminal mischief; damage \$1,000 or more to public communication or any other public service.
1409	810.061(2)	3rd	Impairing or impeding telephone or power to a dwelling; facilitating or furthering burglary.

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1410	810.09(2)(e)	3rd	Trespassing on posted commercial horticulture property.
1411	812.014(2)(c)1.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree; \$300 or more but less than \$5,000.
1412	812.014(2)(d)	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree; \$100 or more but less than \$300, taken from unenclosed curtilage of dwelling.
1413	812.015(7)	3rd	Possession, use, or attempted use of an antishoplifting or inventory control device countermeasure.
1414	817.234(1)(a)2.	3rd	False statement in support of insurance claim.
1415	817.481(3)(a)	3rd	Obtain credit or purchase with false, expired, counterfeit, etc., credit card, value

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1416			over \$300.
1417	817.52 (3)	3rd	Failure to redeliver hired vehicle.
1418	817.54	3rd	With intent to defraud, obtain mortgage note, etc., by false representation.
1419	817.60 (5)	3rd	Dealing in credit cards of another.
1420	817.60 (6) (a)	3rd	Forgery; purchase goods, services with false card.
1421	817.61	3rd	Fraudulent use of credit cards over \$100 or more within 6 months.
1422	826.04	3rd	Knowingly marries or has sexual intercourse with person to whom related.
1423	831.01	3rd	Forgery.
	831.02	3rd	Uttering forged instrument; utters or

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			publishes alteration with intent to defraud.
1424	831.07	3rd	Forging bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
1425	831.08	3rd	Possessing 10 or more forged notes, bills, checks, or drafts.
1426	831.09	3rd	Uttering forged notes, bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
1427	831.11	3rd	Bringing into the state forged bank bills, checks, drafts, or notes.
1428	832.05 (3) (a)	3rd	Cashing or depositing item with intent to defraud.
1429	843.08	3rd	False personation.
1430	893.13 (2) (a) 2.	3rd	Purchase of any s. 893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3.,

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(2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7.,  
 (2) (c) 8., (2) (c) 9.,  
 (2) (c) 10., (3), or (4)  
 drugs other than  
 cannabis.

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893.147(2)

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Manufacture or delivery  
 of drug paraphernalia.

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Section 17. The Legislature finds that a proper and  
 legitimate state purpose is served when district school boards  
 are afforded options for the provision of safe-school officers  
 for the protection and safety of school personnel, property,  
 students, and visitors. School guardians must be available to  
 any district school board that chooses such an option.  
Therefore, the Legislature determines and declares that this act  
 fulfills an important state interest.

Section 18. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.