

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school safety; amending s. 943.082,
3 F.S.; requiring the FortifyFL reporting tool to notify
4 reporting parties that submitting false information
5 may subject them to criminal penalties; providing that
6 certain reports shall remain anonymous; amending s.
7 985.12, F.S.; requiring law enforcement officers to
8 have access to specified information by a certain date
9 for specified purposes; amending s. 1001.11, F.S.;
10 requiring the Commissioner of Education to oversee
11 compliance with requirements relating to school safety
12 and security; requiring the commissioner to take
13 specified actions under certain circumstances relating
14 to noncompliance; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.;
15 requiring the Office of Safe Schools to provide
16 certain opportunities to charter school personnel;
17 requiring such office to coordinate with specified
18 entities to provide a specified tool for certain
19 purposes and a model family reunification plan for
20 certain purposes; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising
21 provisions relating to the immediate termination of a
22 charter school's charter; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.;
23 requiring codes of student conduct to include
24 provisions relating to civil citation or similar
25 prearrest diversion programs for specified purposes;

26 | authorizing certain procedures to include
27 | accommodations for specified drills; requiring
28 | district school boards and charter school governing
29 | boards, in coordination with local law enforcement
30 | agencies, to adopt a family reunification plan for
31 | specified purposes; providing requirements for members
32 | of a threat assessment team; amending s. 1006.12,
33 | F.S.; revising provisions relating to the duties of
34 | school safety officers; requiring the district school
35 | superintendent or charter school administrator to
36 | provide certain notifications relating to safe-school
37 | officers; requiring safe-school officers to complete a
38 | specified training; providing requirements for such
39 | training; requiring individuals to meet certain
40 | criteria before participating in specified training;
41 | providing requirements for such training; amending s.
42 | 1006.13, F.S.; authorizing district school boards to
43 | continue providing educational services for certain
44 | students; amending s. 1006.1493, F.S.; requiring the
45 | Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool to address
46 | policies and procedures relating to certain disasters;
47 | amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising required plans
48 | within the mental health assistance allocation to
49 | include certain interagency agreements or memoranda of
50 | understanding with specified entities to facilitate

51 certain referrals and services; providing requirements
 52 for such agreements and memoranda of understanding and
 53 policies and procedures; revising such plans to
 54 include policies and procedures relating to certain
 55 behavioral health services available to such students;
 56 requiring schools districts to use specified services
 57 from certain teams; providing requirements for
 58 referrals to certain behavioral health services;
 59 providing effective dates.

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

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63 Section 1. Effective October 1, 2020, paragraph (c) is
 64 added to subsection (2) of section 943.082, Florida Statutes, to
 65 read:

66 943.082 School Safety Awareness Program.—

67 (2) The reporting tool must notify the reporting party of
 68 the following information:

69 (c) That, if following an investigation, it is determined
 70 that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL,
 71 the IP address of the device on which the tip was submitted will
 72 be provided to law enforcement agencies for further
 73 investigation and the reporting party may be subject to criminal
 74 penalties under s. 837.05. In all other circumstances, unless
 75 the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity,

76 | the report must remain anonymous.

77 | Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
78 | 985.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

79 | 985.12 Civil citation or similar prearrest diversion
80 | programs.—

81 | (2) JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CIVIL CITATION OR SIMILAR PREARREST
82 | DIVERSION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND OPERATION.—

83 | (f) Each civil citation or similar prearrest diversion
84 | program shall enter the appropriate youth data into the Juvenile
85 | Justice Information System Prevention Web within 7 days after
86 | the admission of the youth into the program. Beginning in fiscal
87 | year 2021-2022, law enforcement officers must have field access
88 | to civil citation and prearrest diversion information.

89 | Section 3. Subsection (9) of section 1001.11, Florida
90 | Statutes, is amended to read:

91 | 1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.—

92 | (9) The commissioner shall oversee compliance with the
93 | requirements relating to school safety and security ~~requirements~~
94 | ~~of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act,~~
95 | ~~chapter 2018-3, Laws of Florida,~~ by school districts; district
96 | school superintendents; and public schools, including charter
97 | schools. Upon notification by the Office of Safe Schools that a
98 | district school board has failed to comply with the requirements
99 | relating to school safety and security, the commissioner shall
100 | require the district school board to withhold further payment of

101 the salary of the superintendent as authorized under s.
102 1001.42(13)(b). Upon notification by the Office of Safe Schools
103 that a charter school has failed to comply with the requirements
104 relating to school safety and security, the commissioner must
105 facilitate compliance by charter schools by recommending actions
106 to the district school board pursuant to s. 1002.33. The
107 commissioner must facilitate compliance to the maximum extent
108 provided under law, identify incidents of noncompliance, and
109 impose or recommend to the State Board of Education, the
110 Governor, or the Legislature enforcement and sanctioning actions
111 pursuant to s. 1008.32 and other authority granted under law.

112 Section 4. Subsections (14) and (15) of section 1001.212,
113 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (15) and (16),
114 respectively, subsections (2), (6), and (8) are amended, and a
115 new subsection (14) is added to that section, to read:

116 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
117 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
118 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
119 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
120 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters
121 regarding school safety and security, including prevention
122 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness
123 planning. The office shall:

124 (2) Provide ongoing professional development opportunities
125 to school district and charter school personnel.

126 (6) Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement to
 127 provide a unified search tool, known as the Florida School
 128 Safety Portal, ~~centralized integrated data repository and data~~
 129 ~~analytics resources~~ to improve access to timely, complete, and
 130 accurate information ~~integrating data from~~, at a minimum, ~~but~~
 131 ~~not limited to~~, the following data sources ~~by August 1, 2019~~:

- 132 (a) Social media Internet posts;
- 133 (b) Department of Children and Families;
- 134 (c) Department of Law Enforcement;
- 135 (d) Department of Juvenile Justice;
- 136 (e) Mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as
 137 FortifyFL;
- 138 (f) School environmental safety incident reports collected
 139 under subsection (8); and
- 140 (g) Local law enforcement.

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 142 Data that is exempt or confidential and exempt from public
 143 records requirements retains its exempt or confidential and
 144 exempt status when incorporated into the centralized integrated
 145 data repository. To maintain the confidentiality requirements
 146 attached to the information provided to the centralized
 147 integrated data repository by the various state and local
 148 agencies, data governance and security shall ensure compliance
 149 with all applicable state and federal data privacy requirements
 150 through the use of user authorization and role-based security,

151 data anonymization and aggregation and auditing capabilities. To
152 maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the
153 information provided to the centralized integrated data
154 repository by the various state and local agencies, each source
155 agency providing data to the repository shall be the sole
156 custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for
157 inspection or copies thereof under chapter 119. The department
158 shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in
159 accordance with rules adopted by the respective source agencies
160 and the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
161 Criminal Justice Information Services security policy, where
162 applicable.

163 (8) Provide technical assistance to school districts and
164 charter school governing boards for school environmental safety
165 incident reporting as required under s. 1006.07(9). The office
166 shall collect data through school environmental safety incident
167 reports on incidents involving any person which occur on school
168 premises, on school transportation, and at off-campus, school-
169 sponsored events. The office shall review and evaluate school
170 district reports to ensure compliance with reporting
171 requirements. ~~Upon notification by the department that a~~
172 ~~superintendent has failed to comply with the requirements of s.~~
173 ~~1006.07(9), the district school board shall withhold further~~
174 ~~payment of his or her salary as authorized under s.~~
175 ~~1001.42(13)(b) and impose other appropriate sanctions that the~~

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176 ~~commissioner or state board by law may impose.~~

177 (14) Develop, in coordination with the Division of
178 Emergency Management, other federal, state, and local law
179 enforcement agencies, fire and rescue agencies, and first
180 responder agencies, a model family reunification plan for use by
181 child care facilities, public K-12 schools, and public
182 postsecondary institutions that are closed or unexpectedly
183 evacuated due to a natural or man-made disaster.

184 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of section
185 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

186 1002.33 Charter schools.—

187 (8) CAUSES FOR NONRENEWAL OR TERMINATION OF CHARTER.—

188 (c) A charter may be terminated immediately if the sponsor
189 sets forth in writing the particular facts and circumstances
190 demonstrating indicating that an immediate and serious danger to
191 the health, safety, or welfare of the charter school's students
192 exists, that the immediate and serious danger is likely to
193 continue, and that an immediate termination of the charter is
194 necessary. The sponsor's determination is subject to the
195 procedures set forth in paragraph (b), except that the hearing
196 may take place after the charter has been terminated. The
197 sponsor shall notify in writing the charter school's governing
198 board, the charter school principal, and the department of the
199 facts and circumstances supporting the emergency termination ~~if~~
200 ~~a charter is terminated immediately~~. The sponsor shall clearly

201 identify the specific issues that resulted in the immediate
202 termination and provide evidence of prior notification of issues
203 resulting in the immediate termination, if applicable ~~when~~
204 ~~appropriate~~. Upon receiving written notice from the sponsor, the
205 charter school's governing board has 10 calendar days to request
206 a hearing. A requested hearing must be expedited and the final
207 order must be issued within 60 days after the date of request.
208 The sponsor shall assume operation of the charter school
209 throughout the pendency of the hearing under paragraph (b)
210 unless the continued operation of the charter school would
211 materially threaten the health, safety, or welfare of the
212 students. Failure by the sponsor to assume and continue
213 operation of the charter school shall result in the awarding of
214 reasonable costs and attorney's fees to the charter school if
215 the charter school prevails on appeal.

216 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and paragraph
217 (a) of subsection (7) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are
218 amended, paragraph (n) is added to subsection (2) and paragraph
219 (d) is added to subsection (6) of that section, to read:

220 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
221 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
222 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
223 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
224 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
225 welfare of students, including:

226 (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student
227 conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for
228 middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to
229 all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the
230 beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and
231 written in language that is understandable to students and
232 parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school
233 year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and
234 parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each
235 code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and
236 discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be
237 made available in the student handbook or similar publication.
238 Each code shall include, but is not limited to:

239 (n) Criteria for assigning a student to a civil citation
240 or similar prearrest diversion program that is an alternative to
241 expulsion or referral to law enforcement agencies. All civil
242 citation or similar prearrest diversion programs that are used
243 by a school district as an alternative to referral to law
244 enforcement must comply with s. 985.12.

245 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

246 (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in
247 consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for
248 emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not
249 limited to, fires, natural disasters, active shooter and hostage
250 situations, and bomb threats, for all students and faculty at

251 all public schools of the district comprised of grades K-12.
252 Drills for active shooter and hostage situations shall be
253 conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and
254 age-appropriate procedures at least as often as other emergency
255 drills. District school board policies shall include commonly
256 used alarm system responses for specific types of emergencies
257 and verification by each school that drills have been provided
258 as required by law and fire protection codes and may provide
259 accommodations for drills conducted by ESE centers. The
260 emergency response policy shall identify the individuals
261 responsible for contacting the primary emergency response agency
262 and the emergency response agency that is responsible for
263 notifying the school district for each type of emergency.

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

269 (d) Each district school board and charter school
270 governing board must adopt, in coordination with local law
271 enforcement agencies, a family reunification plan to reunite
272 students and employees with their families in the event that a
273 school is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or
274 man-made disaster.

275 (7) THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.—Each district school board

276 shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment
277 teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of
278 resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose
279 behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or
280 students consistent with the model policies developed by the
281 Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must include procedures
282 for referrals to mental health services identified by the school
283 district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when appropriate, and
284 procedures for behavioral threat assessments in compliance with
285 the instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12).

286 (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with
287 expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and
288 law enforcement. Members of the threat assessment team must be
289 involved in the threat assessment process and final decision.

290 The threat assessment teams shall identify members of the school
291 community to whom threatening behavior should be reported and
292 provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding
293 recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may
294 represent a threat to the community, school, or self. Upon the
295 availability of the behavioral threat assessment instrument
296 developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12), the threat assessment
297 team shall use that instrument.

298 Section 7. Subsection (6) of section 1006.12, Florida
299 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), paragraph (c) of
300 subsection (1), paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2), and

301 subsection (5) are amended, and new subsections (6) and (7) are
302 added to that section, to read:

303 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
304 the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
305 students, and visitors, each district school board and school
306 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
307 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
308 safe-school officers at each school facility within the
309 district, including charter schools. A district school board
310 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
311 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
312 options available under this section. The school district may
313 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)-(4)
314 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter
315 schools.

316 (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—A school district may
317 establish school resource officer programs through a cooperative
318 agreement with law enforcement agencies.

319 ~~(c) Complete mental health crisis intervention training~~
320 ~~using a curriculum developed by a national organization with~~
321 ~~expertise in mental health crisis intervention. The training~~
322 ~~shall improve officers' knowledge and skills as first responders~~
323 ~~to incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or~~
324 ~~mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student~~
325 ~~and officer safety.~~

326 (2) SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER.—A school district may commission
327 one or more school safety officers for the protection and safety
328 of school personnel, property, and students within the school
329 district. The district school superintendent may recommend, and
330 the district school board may appoint, one or more school safety
331 officers.

332 (a) School safety officers shall undergo criminal
333 background checks, drug testing, and a psychological evaluation
334 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1),
335 certified under ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 943 and employed by
336 either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board.
337 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the
338 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of
339 chapter 943, and must comply with ~~the provisions of~~ that
340 chapter.

341 (b) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
342 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
343 board property or on property owned or leased by a charter
344 school under the charter contract, as applicable, and to arrest
345 persons, whether on or off such property, who violate any law on
346 such property under the same conditions that deputy sheriffs are
347 authorized to make arrests. A school safety officer has the
348 authority to carry weapons when performing his or her official
349 duties.

350 (5) NOTIFICATION.—The district school superintendent or

351 charter school administrator ~~school district~~ shall notify the
352 county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools immediately after,
353 but no later than 72 hours after:

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

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

359 (6) CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.—Each safe-school officer
360 must complete mental health crisis intervention training using a
361 curriculum developed by a national organization with expertise
362 in mental health crisis intervention. The training shall improve
363 the officer's knowledge and skills as a first responder to
364 incidents involving students with emotional disturbance or
365 mental illness, including de-escalation skills to ensure student
366 and officer safety.

367 (7) LIMITATIONS.—An individual must satisfy the background
368 screening, psychological evaluation, and drug test requirements
369 and be approved by the sheriff before participating in any
370 training required by s. 30.15(1)(k), which may only be conducted
371 by a sheriff.

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373 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
374 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
375 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school

376 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety
 377 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the
 378 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource
 379 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school
 380 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.
 381 1011.62(15) and shall be retained by the school district.

382 Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 1006.13, Florida
 383 Statutes, is amended to read:

384 1006.13 Policy of zero tolerance for crime and
 385 victimization.—

386 (3) Zero-tolerance policies must require students found to
 387 have committed one of the following offenses to be expelled,
 388 with or without continuing educational services, from the
 389 student's regular school for a period of not less than 1 full
 390 year, and to be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile
 391 justice system.

392 (a) Bringing a firearm or weapon, as defined in chapter
 393 790, to school, to any school function, or onto any school-
 394 sponsored transportation or possessing a firearm at school.

395 (b) Making a threat or false report, as defined by ss.
 396 790.162 and 790.163, respectively, involving school or school
 397 personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-
 398 sponsored activity.

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 400 District school boards may assign a ~~the~~ student in ~~to~~ a civil

401 citation or prearrest diversion program authorized by s. 985.12
402 to a disciplinary program for the purpose of continuing
403 educational services during the period of expulsion. District
404 school superintendents may consider the 1-year expulsion
405 requirement on a case-by-case basis and request the district
406 school board to modify the requirement by assigning a ~~the~~
407 student in to a civil citation or prearrest diversion program
408 authorized by s. 985.12 to a disciplinary program or second
409 chance school if the request for modification is in writing and
410 it is determined to be in the best interest of the student and
411 the school system. If a student committing any of the offenses
412 in this subsection is a student who has a disability, the
413 district school board shall comply with applicable State Board
414 of Education rules.

415 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
416 1006.1493, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

417 1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.—

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

422 (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the
423 following components:

- 424 1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;
- 425 2. Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and

426 | procedures;

427 | 3. Physical security measures;

428 | 4. Professional development training needs;

429 | 5. An examination of support service roles in school

430 | safety, security, and emergency planning;

431 | 6. School security and school police staffing, operational

432 | practices, and related services;

433 | 7. School and community collaboration on school safety;

434 | and

435 | 8. Policies and procedures to prepare for and respond to

436 | natural and man-made disasters, including family reunification

437 | plans to reunite students and employees with their families

438 | after a school is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to such

439 | disasters; and

440 | ~~9.8.~~ A return on investment analysis of the recommended

441 | physical security controls.

442 | Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section

443 | 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

444 | 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual

445 | allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each

446 | district for operation of schools is not determined in the

447 | annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing

448 | the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as

449 | follows:

450 | (16) MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION.—The mental

451 health assistance allocation is created to provide funding to
452 assist school districts in establishing or expanding school-
453 based mental health care; train educators and other school staff
454 in detecting and responding to mental health issues; and connect
455 children, youth, and families who may experience behavioral
456 health issues with appropriate services. These funds shall be
457 allocated annually in the General Appropriations Act or other
458 law to each eligible school district. Each school district shall
459 receive a minimum of \$100,000, with the remaining balance
460 allocated based on each school district's proportionate share of
461 the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student
462 enrollment. Charter schools that submit a plan separate from the
463 school district are entitled to a proportionate share of
464 district funding. The allocated funds may not supplant funds
465 that are provided for this purpose from other operating funds
466 and may not be used to increase salaries or provide bonuses.
467 School districts are encouraged to maximize third-party health
468 insurance benefits and Medicaid claiming for services, where
469 appropriate.

470 (b) The plans required under paragraph (a) must be focused
471 on a multitiered system of supports to deliver evidence-based
472 mental health care assessment, diagnosis, intervention,
473 treatment, and recovery services to students with one or more
474 mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses and to
475 students at high risk of such diagnoses. The provision of these

476 services must be coordinated with a student's primary mental
477 health care provider and with other mental health providers
478 involved in the student's care. At a minimum, the plans must
479 include the following elements:

480 1. Direct employment of school-based mental health
481 services providers to expand and enhance school-based student
482 services and to reduce the ratio of students to staff in order
483 to better align with nationally recommended ratio models. These
484 providers include, but are not limited to, certified school
485 counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, and
486 other licensed mental health professionals. The plan also must
487 identify strategies to increase the amount of time that school-
488 based student services personnel spend providing direct services
489 to students, which may include the review and revision of
490 district staffing resource allocations based on school or
491 student mental health assistance needs.

492 2. An interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding
493 with a managing entity, as defined in s. 394.9082(2), that
494 facilitates referrals of students to community-based services
495 and coordinates care for students served by school-based and
496 community-based providers. Such agreement or memorandum of
497 understanding must address the sharing of records and
498 information as authorized under s. 1006.07(7)(d) to coordinate
499 care and increase access to appropriate services.

500 ~~3.2.~~ Contracts or interagency agreements with one or more

501 local community behavioral health providers or providers of
502 Community Action Team services to provide a behavioral health
503 staff presence and services at district schools. Services may
504 include, but are not limited to, mental health screenings and
505 assessments, individual counseling, family counseling, group
506 counseling, psychiatric or psychological services, trauma-
507 informed care, mobile crisis services, and behavior
508 modification. These behavioral health services may be provided
509 on or off the school campus and may be supplemented by
510 telehealth.

511 ~~4.3.~~ Policies and procedures, including contracts with
512 service providers, which will ensure that:

513 a. A parent of a student is provided information about
514 behavioral health services available through the student's
515 school or local community-based behavioral health services
516 providers, including, but not limited to, the community action
517 treatment team established in s. 394.495 serving the student's
518 area. A school may meet this requirement by providing
519 information about and Internet addresses for web-based
520 directories or guides for local behavioral health services. Such
521 directories or guides must be easily navigated and understood by
522 individuals unfamiliar with behavioral health delivery systems
523 or services and include specific contact information for local
524 behavioral health providers.

525 b. Each school district uses the services of the community

526 action treatment team established in s. 394.495 to the extent
527 that such services are available.

528 c. Students who are referred to a school-based or
529 community-based mental health service provider for mental health
530 screening for the identification of mental health concerns and
531 ensure that the assessment of students at risk for mental health
532 disorders occurs within 15 days of referral. School-based mental
533 health services must be initiated within 15 days after
534 identification and assessment, and support by community-based
535 mental health service providers for students who are referred
536 for community-based mental health services must be initiated
537 within 30 days after the school or district makes a referral.

538 d. Referrals to behavioral health services available
539 through other delivery systems or payors for which a student or
540 individuals living in the household of a student receiving
541 services under this subsection may qualify, if such services
542 appear to be needed or enhancements in those individuals'
543 behavioral health would contribute to the improved well-being of
544 the student.

545 ~~5.4.~~ Strategies or programs to reduce the likelihood of
546 at-risk students developing social, emotional, or behavioral
547 health problems, depression, anxiety disorders, suicidal
548 tendencies, or substance use disorders.

549 ~~6.5.~~ Strategies to improve the early identification of
550 social, emotional, or behavioral problems or substance use

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551 disorders, to improve the provision of early intervention
552 services, and to assist students in dealing with trauma and
553 violence.

554 Section 11. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
555 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.