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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education & Employment Committee

Representative Hunschofsky offered the following:

### Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 78 and 79, insert:

7 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district 8 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures 9 for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the 10 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior 11 poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

(a) <u>School safety specialist.</u>Each district school superintendent shall designate a school safety specialist for the district. The school safety specialist must be a school administrator employed by the school district or a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in 616027 - h0899-line 78.docx

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17 the school district. Any school safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office must first be authorized and approved 18 19 by the sheriff employing the law enforcement officer. Any school safety specialist designated from the sheriff's office remains 20 the employee of the office for purposes of compensation, 21 22 insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized 23 by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office. The sheriff and the school superintendent may determine 24 25 by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer 26 as a school safety specialist. The school safety specialist must 27 earn a certificate of completion of the school safety specialist 28 29 training provided by the Office of Safe Schools within 1 year 30 after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and 31 oversight for all school safety and security personnel, 32 policies, and procedures in the school district. The school safety specialist shall: 33

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

38 2. Provide the necessary training and resources to 39 students and school district staff in matters relating to youth 40 mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures,

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41 including active shooter training; and school safety and 42 security.

3. Serve as the school district liaison with local public
safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and
organizations in matters of school safety and security.

46 In collaboration with the appropriate public safety 4. 47 agencies, as that term is defined in s. 365.171, by October 1 of each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each 48 49 public school using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool 50 developed by the Office of Safe Schools pursuant to s. 51 1006.1493. Based on the assessment findings, the district's 52 school safety specialist shall provide recommendations to the 53 district school superintendent and the district school board 54 which identify strategies and activities that the district 55 school board should implement in order to address the findings 56 and improve school safety and security. Each district school 57 board must receive such findings and the school safety specialist's recommendations at a publicly noticed district 58 59 school board meeting to provide the public an opportunity to 60 hear the district school board members discuss and take action on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety 61 specialist shall report such findings and school board action to 62 63 the Office of Safe Schools within 30 days after the district 64 school board meeting.

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65	(b) Mental health coordinatorEach district school board
66	shall identify a mental health coordinator for the district. The
67	mental health coordinator shall serve as the district's primary
68	point of contact regarding the district's coordination,
69	communication, and implementation of student mental health
70	policies, procedures, responsibilities, and reporting:
71	1. Coordinating with the Office of Safe Schools,
72	established pursuant to s. 1001.212.
73	2. Maintaining records and reports regarding student
74	mental health as it relates to school safety and the mental
75	health assistance allocation under s. 1011.62(14).
76	3. Facilitating the implementation of school district
77	policies regarding the respective duties and responsibilities of
78	the school district, the superintendent, and district school
79	principals.
80	4. Coordinating with the school safety specialist on the
81	staffing and training of threat assessment teams and
82	facilitating referral to mental health services, as appropriate,
83	for students and their families.
84	5. Coordinating with the school safety specialist on the
85	training and resources for students and school district staff
86	relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance.
87	6. Reviewing annually the school district's policies and
88	procedures related to student mental health for compliance with
89	state law and alignment with current best practices and make
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90 recommendations, as needed, for amending such policies and 91 procedures to the superintendent and the district school board. 92 (c) (b) Each school safety specialist shall coordinate with 93 the appropriate public safety agencies, as defined in s. 94 365.171, that are designated as first responders to a school's 95 campus to conduct a tour of such campus once every 3 years and provide recommendations related to school safety. The 96 97 recommendations by the public safety agencies must be considered 98 as part of the recommendations by the school safety specialist 99 pursuant to paragraph (a). (d) (c) Each district school board and charter school 100 101 governing board must adopt an active assailant response plan. By October 1 of each year, 2019, and annually thereafter, each 102 103 district school superintendent and charter school principal 104 shall certify that all school personnel have received annual 105 training on the procedures contained in the active assailant 106 response plan for the applicable school district or charter 107 school. 108 109 110 TITLE AMENDMENT Remove line 9 and insert: 111 112 examinations; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring school 113 districts to designate a mental health coordinator; providing 616027 - h0899-line 78.docx

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114 requirements and duties for the mental health coordinator;

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