

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school districts; creating s.
 3 1001.366, F.S.; providing members of a district school
 4 board with specified rights relating to school
 5 district documents and budget matters; providing
 6 requirements for the provision of such school district
 7 documents to district school board members; amending
 8 s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring that certain documents
 9 from district school board meetings be kept as public
 10 records; amending s. 1011.035, F.S.; requiring that
 11 full line-item budget items be posted on a school
 12 district's website; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.;
 13 requiring district school boards to adopt a policy
 14 prohibiting a requirement that district employees be
 15 required or incentivized to sign a nondisclosure
 16 agreement or confidentiality agreement; providing an
 17 effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Section 1001.366, Florida Statutes, is created
 22 to read:

23 1001.366 District School Board Members' Bill of Rights.—A
 24 member of a district school board has the right to:

25 (1) (a) Upon request, be given free and timely access to

26 all school district documents necessary to fulfill the duties
27 and responsibilities required under the State Constitution and
28 the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code. Access to
29 documents that are confidential or exempt from public disclosure
30 shall be provided in compliance with applicable law. A request
31 that is not related to a matter on a publicly noticed meeting of
32 the district school board must be fulfilled within 10 business
33 days after receipt of such request. Any document provided to a
34 district school board member must be offered to all board
35 members.

36 (b) Request any document or information from the district
37 school superintendent or the superintendent's staff.

38 (2) Consult with the school district's chief financial
39 officer on general matters related to the budget, and sources
40 and uses of school district funds, and have access, upon
41 request, to any detail or line item in any proposed or approved
42 budget or in any financial transaction by the school district.

43 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of
44 section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

45 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
46 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
47 powers and perform all duties listed below:

48 (1) REQUIRE MINUTES AND RECORDS TO BE KEPT.—Require the
49 district school superintendent, as secretary, to keep such
50 minutes and records as are necessary to set forth clearly all

51 actions and proceedings of the school board.

52 (c) Other records.—Other documents, including attachments
53 for agenda items, such as vendor contracts or budget documents,
54 must be kept as a public record with the minutes of each
55 meeting.

56 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
57 1011.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

58 1011.035 School district fiscal transparency.—

59 (2) Each district school board shall post on its website a
60 plain language version of each proposed, tentative, and official
61 budget which describes each budget item in terms that are easily
62 understandable to the public and includes:

63 (a) Graphical representations, for each public school
64 within the district and for the school district, of the
65 following:

- 66 1. Summary financial efficiency data.
- 67 2. Fiscal trend information for the previous 3 years on:
 - 68 a. The ratio of full-time equivalent students to full-time
69 equivalent instructional personnel.
 - 70 b. The ratio of full-time equivalent students to full-time
71 equivalent administrative personnel.
 - 72 c. The total operating expenditures per full-time
73 equivalent student.
 - 74 d. The total instructional expenditures per full-time
75 equivalent student.

76 e. The general administrative expenditures as a percentage
77 of total budget.

78 f. The rate of change in the general fund's ending fund
79 balance not classified as restricted.

80 g. Full line-item budget items.

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82 This information must be prominently posted on the school
83 district's website in a manner ~~that is~~ readily accessible to the
84 public.

85 Section 4. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (1) of
86 section 1012.22, Florida Statutes, to read:

87 1012.22 Public school personnel; powers and duties of the
88 district school board.—The district school board shall:

89 (1) Designate positions to be filled, prescribe
90 qualifications for those positions, and provide for the
91 appointment, compensation, promotion, suspension, and dismissal
92 of employees as follows, subject to the requirements of this
93 chapter:

94 (k) Nondisclosure or confidentiality.—The district school
95 board shall adopt a policy prohibiting a district employee from
96 being required or otherwise incentivized to sign a nondisclosure
97 agreement or confidentiality agreement.

98 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.