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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public postsecondary education
3 safety policies and procedures; creating s. 1004.0983,
4 F.S.; requiring state universities and Florida College
5 System institutions to adopt and implement specified
6 policies and procedures relating to safety; providing
7 requirements for such policies and procedures;
8 requiring state universities and Florida College
9 System institutions to annually review and update the
10 policies and procedures; authorizing the Board of
11 Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt
12 regulations and rules, respectively; providing an
13 effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 1004.0983, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 1004.0983 Public postsecondary safety policies and
20 procedures.-

21 (1) Each state university and Florida College System
22 institution shall adopt and implement written policies and
23 procedures to protect the physical safety of its students,
24 faculty, staff, and visitors in campus facilities, classrooms,
25 and other institutional settings from:

26 (a) Physical threats.

27 (b) Other conduct or language that would cause a reasonable
28 person to believe his or her physical safety is at risk.

29 (2) The policies and procedures must:

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30 (a) Identify a person responsible for:

31 1. Coordinating the state university or Florida College
32 System institution's response to actions listed in paragraphs
33 (1) (a) and (b).

34 2. Implementing such policies and procedures, including all
35 safety measures.

36 (b) Establish clear internal and external reporting
37 protocols, including notification of campus security or a local
38 law enforcement agency when appropriate.

39 (c) Outline the protective measures available to affected
40 persons, which may include work or class relocation, security
41 escorts, and restricting access to certain areas by a person
42 engaged in an activity listed in paragraph (1) (a) or paragraph
43 (1) (b).

44 (d) Provide timely updates to an affected person regarding
45 the status of an incident and any action taken.

46 (e) Ensure the policies and procedures are prominently
47 posted on the state university's or Florida College System
48 institution's website and available to students, faculty, staff,
49 and visitors upon request.

50 (3) Each state university and Florida College System
51 institution shall annually review and update the policies and
52 procedures to incorporate the best practices in threat
53 assessment, campus security, and safety.

54 (4) The Board of Governors may adopt regulations and the
55 State Board of Education may adopt rules to administer this
56 section.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.