

By Senator Yarborough

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to oaths of school personnel; creating
s. 1012.591, F.S.; requiring specified persons
employed as members of school personnel to take a
specified oath before entering upon the duties of a
member of the school personnel; creating s. 1012.802,
F.S.; requiring persons employed in an administrative
or instructional capacity at a Florida College System
institution or state university to take a specified
oath before entering upon the duties of a person
employed in an administrative or instructional
capacity; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1012.591, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1012.591 Oath of school personnel.—Before entering upon the
duties of a member of the instructional or administrative
personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2) and (3), respectively, or
of a prekindergarten instructor as defined in s. 1002.51(6), a
person must subscribe to the following oath:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support,
protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of
the United States and the Constitution and Government
of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified for
employment as a member of the school personnel in this
state; that I will well and faithfully perform the

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30 duties of a member of the school personnel in a
31 professional, independent, objective, and nonpartisan
32 manner; that I will uphold the highest standards of
33 academic integrity and professional ethics; that I
34 will foster a respectful learning environment for all
35 students which promotes critical thinking, civic
36 responsibility, and lifelong learning; and that I will
37 serve as a positive role model in both conduct and
38 character, so help me God.

39 Section 2. Section 1012.802, Florida Statutes, is created
40 to read:

41 1012.802 Oath of administrative and instructional
42 employees.—Before entering upon the duties of a person employed
43 in an administrative or instructional capacity of a Florida
44 College System institution or state university, a person
45 employed in such capacity must subscribe to the following oath:

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47 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support,
48 protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of
49 the United States and the Constitution and Government
50 of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified as a
51 person employed in an administrative or instructional
52 capacity in this state; that I will well and
53 faithfully perform the duties of a person employed in
54 an administrative or instructional capacity in a
55 professional, independent, objective, and nonpartisan
56 manner; that I will uphold the highest standards of
57 academic integrity and professional ethics; that I
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59 students which promotes critical thinking, civic
60 responsibility, and lifelong learning; and that I will
61 serve as a positive role model in both conduct and
62 character, so help me God.
63 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.