

By Senator Polsky

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to discrimination in education;
amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring each district
school board to designate a Title VI coordinator;
specifying requirements for and duties of the
coordinator; authorizing a person alleging
discrimination to file a complaint with the district
school superintendent or the Title VI coordinator;
authorizing a parent or guardian to submit a complaint
on behalf of a minor child; requiring the State Board
of Education to adopt rules; creating s. 1004.041,
F.S.; requiring each Florida College System
institution and state university to designate a Title
VI coordinator; specifying requirements for and duties
of the coordinator; authorizing a person alleging
discrimination to file a complaint with the dean of
students or the Title VI coordinator; authorizing a
parent or guardian to submit a complaint on behalf of
a minor child; requiring the State Board of Education
and Board of Governors to adopt rules and regulations,
respectively; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (29) of section 1001.42,
Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (30), and a new
subsection (29) is added to that section, to read:

1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all

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30 powers and perform all duties listed below:

31 (29) TITLE VI COORDINATOR.—

32 (a) Each district school board shall designate a Title VI
33 coordinator. The coordinator shall:

34 1. Have expertise in and oversee compliance with Title VI
35 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and compliance with s. 1000.05.

36 2. Promote equal access to and participation in the
37 programs and activities of the institution.

38 3. Provide training and educational resources regarding
39 Title VI law and regulations, including, at a minimum, those who
40 are responsible for receiving reports on potential Title VI
41 complaints.

42 4. Maintain records and reports related to Title VI
43 compliance, including a summary of the allegations, the
44 complainant's protected category, the disposition of the
45 complaint, and the corrective actions taken, so that the Title
46 VI coordinator can assess compliance.

47 5. Provide advice and consultation on supportive and
48 corrective measures.

49 6. Perform any other relevant duty established by the
50 institution.

51 (b)1. A person alleging discrimination in violation of
52 Title VI may file a complaint with the district school
53 superintendent or the Title VI coordinator of the school
54 district.

55 2. A parent or guardian may submit a complaint on behalf of
56 his or her minor child.

57 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
58 implement this subsection.

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Section 2. Section 1004.041, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.041 Title VI coordinator.—

(1) Each Florida College System institution and state university shall designate a Title VI coordinator. The coordinator shall:

(a) Have expertise in and oversee compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and compliance with s. 1000.05.

(b) Promote equal access to and participation in the programs and activities of the institution.

(c) Provide training and educational resources regarding Title VI law and regulations, including, at a minimum, those who are responsible for receiving reports on potential Title VI complaints.

(d) Maintain records and reports related to Title VI compliance, including a summary of the allegations, the complainant's protected category, the disposition of the complaint, and the corrective actions taken, so that the Title VI coordinator can assess compliance.

(e) Provide advice and consultation on supportive and corrective measures.

(f) Perform any other relevant duty established by the institution.

(2) (a) A person alleging discrimination in violation of Title VI may file a complaint with the college's or university's dean of students or Title VI coordinator.

(b) A parent or guardian may submit a complaint on behalf of his or her minor child.

(3) The State Board of Education and Board of Governors

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88 shall adopt rules and regulations, respectively, to implement
89 this section.

90 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.