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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to sexual violence policies; creating
1006.149, F.S.; defining terms; requiring schools to
establish sexual violence policies and supportive
measures; specifying requirements for the policies and
measures; requiring schools to notify specified
persons of the policies and measures; specifying
requirements for such notifications; requiring the
policies and measures to be published in specified
places and on certain websites; specifying
requirements for the notification of students under
the age of 18; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1006.149, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1006.149 Notification of sexual violence policies and
supportive measures.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) "Child advocacy center" means a center that coordinates
the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse
cases by using multidisciplinary teams of professionals involved
in child protective and victim advocacy services, law
enforcement and prosecution, and physical and mental health
services.

(b) "Frequently encountered language" means a language that
is the primary language spoken by:

1. At least 5 percent of the overall student and employee

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population of the school;

2. At least 5 percent of the population in the county in which the school is located; or

3. At least 1,000 people in the county in which the school is located.

(c) "School" means a public K-12 school, public postsecondary educational institution, or a private K-12 school, college, or university.

(d) "Sexual assault service provider" means an agency that provides victim advocacy and support services to survivors of sexual violence.

(e) "Sexual violence policies" means any policy, procedure, protocol, guideline, or rule regarding sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking that occurs on school premises, on school transportation, or at a school-sponsored off-campus event, or where a student, school staff, or school volunteer is the purported victim or offender.

(f) "Supportive measures" means nondisciplinary or nonpunitive individualized measures related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking which are offered to a student, the school staff, or a school volunteer to protect the safety of all parties, provide reasonable accommodations, and support educational success.

(2)(a) A school's sexual violence policies must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Include options for a student to report an incident of sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to the school or law enforcement.

2. Include the rights of victims and offenders during any

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59 investigation or disciplinary proceedings conducted by the
60 school.

61 3. Include the process the school will use for the
62 investigation and disciplinary proceedings, including any right
63 to an appeal.

64 4. Include whether or not the school has an affirmative
65 duty to report to law enforcement when a report is made to the
66 school.

67 5. Be written in clear, plain language in a color, size,
68 and font that enhances readability.

69 6. Be available in frequently encountered languages to
70 ensure timely and meaningful access for students, parents,
71 school staff, and school volunteers with limited English
72 proficiency. Processes should be in place for access to the
73 material in less frequently encountered languages through oral
74 interpretation upon request.

75 (b) A school's supportive measures must include, if
76 available, the current:

77 1. Name, title, e-mail address, mailing address, and
78 telephone number of the person designated by the school to
79 receive reports of violations of the sexual violence policies
80 and to provide information regarding sexual violence policies
81 and supportive measures.

82 2. Name, telephone number, and website address for a local,
83 state, or national hotline providing information to victims of
84 sexual assault or sexual abuse.

85 3. Name, telephone number, and website address of the
86 nearest child advocacy center and sexual assault service
87 provider.

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88 (c) A school's supportive measures may include, but not be
89 limited to, the following:

- 90 1. Counseling, health care, and mental health care.
91 2. Victim advocacy and legal assistance.
92 3. Extensions of deadlines or other class-related
93 adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, and
94 campus safety escorts.
95 4. Mutual restrictions on contact between relevant parties,
96 changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence,
97 increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the
98 school, or other similar measures.

99 (3) Each school shall notify every student, parent, school
100 staff, and school volunteer of the school's existing sexual
101 violence policies and supportive measures by:

102 (a) Including the school's sexual violence policies and
103 supportive measures in any student, parent, school staff, or
104 school volunteer handbook or catalog or similar publication
105 listing rights, responsibilities, or standards of conduct.

106 (b) Providing the sexual violence policies and supportive
107 measures directly to a student, parent, school staff, or school
108 volunteer using the process by which the student, parent, school
109 staff, or school volunteer has elected to receive communication
110 from the school.

111 1. For students and parents, schools shall provide the
112 sexual violence policies and supportive measures at the time of
113 initial enrollment or registration, and each academic year
114 thereafter within 30 days after the first day of school.

115 2. For school staff or school volunteers, schools shall
116 provide the sexual violence policies and supportive measures at

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the time the school staff is hired or the school volunteer begins volunteering and require that school staff and school volunteers review the sexual violence policies and supportive measures each academic year thereafter within 30 days after the first day of school.

(c) Placing a physical copy of the sexual violence policies and supportive measures in a clearly visible location and public area of the school which is readily accessible to and widely used by students, and in a location that is readily accessible to parents, school staff, and school volunteers.

(d) Posting the sexual violence policies and supportive measures in a prominent location on the school's website which is accessible from the homepage by not more than three clicks. The school shall also provide a copy of the policies to the school district, or governing body of the institution, to be posted on that organization's website which is accessible from the home page by not more than three clicks.

(4) To provide notice to a student under 18 years of age, the school shall provide the notice to the student's parents. However, the school may also provide notice to the student in an age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate manner.

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