

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; amending ss. 192.0105,
3 192.048, and 196.082, F.S.; conforming cross-
4 references; amending s. 196.011, F.S.; providing that
5 an annual application for exemption on property used
6 to house a charter school is not necessary; requiring
7 the owner or lessee of such property to notify the
8 property appraiser in specified circumstances;
9 providing penalties; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.;
10 revising the definition of the term "charter school
11 personnel"; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; providing
12 approved virtual instruction program provider, virtual
13 charter school, and school district responsibilities
14 relating to statewide assessments and progress
15 monitoring for certain students; creating s. 1003.052,
16 F.S.; establishing the Purple Star School District
17 Program; providing requirements for such program;
18 authorizing the Department of Education to establish
19 additional program criteria; authorizing the State
20 Board of Education to adopt rules; amending s.
21 1003.451, F.S.; requiring school districts and charter
22 schools to provide certain students with an
23 opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational
24 Aptitude Battery Test and consult with a military
25 recruiter; providing requirements for the scheduling

26 | of such test; amending s. 1003.53, F.S.; revising
27 | requirements for the assignment of students to
28 | disciplinary programs and alternative school settings
29 | or other programs; deleting provisions relating to
30 | second chance schools; revising requirements for
31 | dropout prevention and academic intervention programs;
32 | requiring such programs to include academic
33 | intervention plans for students; providing
34 | requirements for such plans; providing that specified
35 | provisions apply to all dropout prevention and
36 | academic intervention programs; requiring school
37 | principals or their designees to make a reasonable
38 | effort to notify parents by specified means and to
39 | document such effort; creating s. 1004.051, F.S.;
40 | prohibiting a public postsecondary institution from
41 | implicitly or explicitly prohibiting specified
42 | students from being employed; providing
43 | nonapplicability; amending s. 1006.38, F.S.; requiring
44 | instructional materials publishers and manufacturers
45 | or their representatives to make sample copies of
46 | specified instructional materials available
47 | electronically for use by certain institutes for a
48 | specified purpose; amending s. 1007.25, F.S.; creating
49 | associate in arts specialized transfer degrees;
50 | providing requirements for such degrees; providing a

51 process for the approval of such degree programs;
52 providing for rulemaking; amending s. 1007.271, F.S.;
53 requiring district school boards to make reasonable
54 efforts to enter into specified agreements with a
55 Florida College System institution for certain online
56 courses; amending s. 1008.33, F.S.; revising the date
57 by which a memorandum of understanding relating to
58 schools in turnaround status must be provided to the
59 department; revising requirements for district-managed
60 turnaround plans; providing requirements for
61 turnaround schools that close and reopen as charter
62 schools and school districts in which such schools
63 reside; providing that specified provisions do not
64 apply to certain turnaround schools; requiring the
65 State Board of Education to adopt rules for a charter
66 school turnaround contract and specified leases and
67 agreements; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing an
68 additional method for a student to prove residency for
69 tuition purposes; amending s. 1012.79, F.S.;
70 authorizing the Commissioner of Education to appoint
71 an executive director of the Education Practices
72 Commission; revising the purpose of the commission;
73 authorizing the commission to expend funds for legal
74 services; repealing s. 1012.86, F.S., relating to the
75 Florida College System institution employment equity

76 | accountability program; amending ss. 948.037, 1001.64,
 77 | 1001.65, 1006.07, 1006.09, and 1006.13, F.S.;
 78 | conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
 79 | providing an effective date.

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

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83 | Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) and paragraphs
 84 | (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 192.0105, Florida
 85 | Statutes, are amended to read:

86 | 192.0105 Taxpayer rights.—There is created a Florida
 87 | Taxpayer's Bill of Rights for property taxes and assessments to
 88 | guarantee that the rights, privacy, and property of the
 89 | taxpayers of this state are adequately safeguarded and protected
 90 | during tax levy, assessment, collection, and enforcement
 91 | processes administered under the revenue laws of this state. The
 92 | Taxpayer's Bill of Rights compiles, in one document, brief but
 93 | comprehensive statements that summarize the rights and
 94 | obligations of the property appraisers, tax collectors, clerks
 95 | of the court, local governing boards, the Department of Revenue,
 96 | and taxpayers. Additional rights afforded to payors of taxes and
 97 | assessments imposed under the revenue laws of this state are
 98 | provided in s. 213.015. The rights afforded taxpayers to assure
 99 | that their privacy and property are safeguarded and protected
 100 | during tax levy, assessment, and collection are available only

101 insofar as they are implemented in other parts of the Florida
 102 Statutes or rules of the Department of Revenue. The rights so
 103 guaranteed to state taxpayers in the Florida Statutes and the
 104 departmental rules include:

105 (1) THE RIGHT TO KNOW.—

106 (f) The right of an exemption recipient to be sent a
 107 renewal application for that exemption, the right to a receipt
 108 for homestead exemption claim when filed, and the right to
 109 notice of denial of the exemption (see ss. 196.011(7)
 110 ~~196.011(6)~~, 196.131(1), 196.151, and 196.193(1)(c) and (5)).

111
 112 Notwithstanding the right to information contained in this
 113 subsection, under s. 197.122 property owners are held to know
 114 that property taxes are due and payable annually and are charged
 115 with a duty to ascertain the amount of current and delinquent
 116 taxes and obtain the necessary information from the applicable
 117 governmental officials.

118 (2) THE RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS.—

119 (b) The right to petition the value adjustment board over
 120 objections to assessments, denial of exemption, denial of
 121 agricultural classification, denial of historic classification,
 122 denial of high-water recharge classification, disapproval of tax
 123 deferral, and any penalties on deferred taxes imposed for
 124 incorrect information willfully filed. Payment of estimated
 125 taxes does not preclude the right of the taxpayer to challenge

126 his or her assessment (see ss. 194.011(3), 196.011(7) ~~196.011(6)~~
 127 and (9)(a), 196.151, 196.193(1)(c) and (5), 193.461(2),
 128 193.503(7), 193.625(2), 197.2425, 197.301(2), and 197.2301(11)).

129 (c) The right to file a petition for exemption or
 130 agricultural classification with the value adjustment board when
 131 an application deadline is missed, upon demonstration of
 132 particular extenuating circumstances for filing late (see ss.
 133 193.461(3)(a) and 196.011(1), (8), (9), and (10)(e) ~~(7), (8),~~
 134 and ~~(9)(e)~~).

135 Section 2. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1)
 136 of section 192.048, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

137 192.048 Electronic transmission.—

138 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following documents may
 139 be transmitted electronically rather than by regular mail:

140 (b) The tax exemption renewal application required under
 141 s. 196.011(7)(a) ~~s. 196.011(6)(a)~~.

142 (c) The tax exemption renewal application required under
 143 s. 196.011(7)(b) ~~s. 196.011(6)(b)~~.

144 (d) A notification of an intent to deny a tax exemption
 145 required under s. 196.011(10)(e) ~~s. 196.011(9)(e)~~.

146 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 196.082,
 147 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

148 196.082 Discounts for disabled veterans; surviving spouse
 149 carryover.—

150 (3) If the partially or totally and permanently disabled

151 | veteran predeceases his or her spouse and if, upon the death of
152 | the veteran, the spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to
153 | the homestead and permanently resides thereon as specified in s.
154 | 196.031, the discount from ad valorem tax that the veteran
155 | received carries over to the benefit of the veteran's spouse
156 | until such time as he or she remarries or sells or otherwise
157 | disposes of the property. If the spouse sells or otherwise
158 | disposes of the property, a discount not to exceed the dollar
159 | amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll may be
160 | transferred to his or her new residence, as long as it is used
161 | as his or her primary residence and he or she does not remarry.
162 | An applicant who is qualified to receive a discount under this
163 | section and who fails to file an application by March 1 may file
164 | an application for the discount and may file a petition pursuant
165 | to s. 194.011(3) with the value adjustment board requesting that
166 | the discount be granted. Such application and petition shall be
167 | subject to the same procedures as for exemptions set forth in s.
168 | 196.011(9) ~~s. 196.011(8)~~.

169 | (4) To qualify for the discount granted under this
170 | section, an applicant must submit to the county property
171 | appraiser by March 1:

172 | (a) An official letter from the United States Department
173 | of Veterans Affairs which states the percentage of the veteran's
174 | service-connected disability and evidence that reasonably
175 | identifies the disability as combat-related;

- 176 (b) A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge; and
- 177 (c) Proof of age as of January 1 of the year to which the
- 178 discount will apply.

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180 Any applicant who is qualified to receive a discount under this

181 section and who fails to file an application by March 1 may file

182 an application for the discount and may file, pursuant to s.

183 194.011(3), a petition with the value adjustment board

184 requesting that the discount be granted. Such application and

185 petition shall be subject to the same procedures as for

186 exemptions set forth in s. 196.011(9) ~~s. 196.011(8)~~.

187 Section 4. Subsections (5) through (12) of section

188 196.011, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6)

189 through (13), respectively, present subsections (1), (10), and

190 (11) are amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that

191 section, to read:

192 196.011 Annual application required for exemption.—

193 (1)(a) Except as provided in s. 196.081(1)(b), every

194 person or organization who, on January 1, has the legal title to

195 real or personal property, except inventory, which is entitled

196 by law to exemption from taxation as a result of its ownership

197 and use shall, on or before March 1 of each year, file an

198 application for exemption with the county property appraiser,

199 listing and describing the property for which exemption is

200 claimed and certifying its ownership and use. The Department of

201 Revenue shall prescribe the forms upon which the application is
202 made. Failure to make application, when required, on or before
203 March 1 of any year shall constitute a waiver of the exemption
204 privilege for that year, except as provided in subsection (8)
205 ~~(7)~~ or subsection (9) ~~(8)~~.

206 (b) The form to apply for an exemption under s. 196.031,
207 s. 196.081, s. 196.091, s. 196.101, s. 196.102, s. 196.173, or
208 s. 196.202 must include a space for the applicant to list the
209 social security number of the applicant and of the applicant's
210 spouse, if any. If an applicant files a timely and otherwise
211 complete application, and omits the required social security
212 numbers, the application is incomplete. In that event, the
213 property appraiser shall contact the applicant, who may refile a
214 complete application by April 1. Failure to file a complete
215 application by that date constitutes a waiver of the exemption
216 privilege for that year, except as provided in subsection (8)
217 ~~(7)~~ or subsection (9) ~~(8)~~.

218 (5) It shall not be necessary to make annual application
219 for exemption on property used to house a charter school
220 pursuant to s. 196.1983. The owner or lessee of any property
221 used to house a charter school pursuant to s. 196.1983 who is
222 not required to file an annual application shall notify the
223 property appraiser promptly whenever the use of the property or
224 the status or condition of the owner or lessee changes so as to
225 change the exempt status of the property. If any owner or lessee

226 fails to so notify the property appraiser and the property
 227 appraiser determines that for any year within the prior 10 years
 228 the owner or lessee was not entitled to receive such exemption,
 229 the owner or lessee of the property is subject to the taxes
 230 exempted as a result of such failure plus 15 percent interest
 231 per annum and a penalty of 50 percent of the taxes exempted. The
 232 property appraiser making such determination shall record in the
 233 public records of the county a notice of tax lien against any
 234 property owned by that person or entity in the county, and such
 235 property must be identified in the notice of tax lien. Such
 236 property is subject to the payment of all taxes and penalties.
 237 Such lien when filed shall attach to any property, identified in
 238 the notice of tax lien, owned by the person or entity who
 239 illegally or improperly received the exemption. If such person
 240 or entity no longer owns property in that county but owns
 241 property in some other county or counties in the state, the
 242 property appraiser shall record a notice of tax lien in such
 243 other county or counties, identifying the property owned by such
 244 person or entity in such county or counties, and it shall become
 245 a lien against such property in such county or counties.

246 (11)-(10) At the option of the property appraiser and
 247 notwithstanding any other provision of this section, initial or
 248 original applications for homestead exemption for the succeeding
 249 year may be accepted and granted after March 1. Reapplication on
 250 a short form as authorized by subsection (6) ~~(5)~~ shall be

251 required if the county has not waived the requirement of an
 252 annual application. Once the initial or original application and
 253 reapplication have been granted, the property may qualify for
 254 the exemption in each succeeding year pursuant to the provisions
 255 of subsection (7) ~~(6)~~ or subsection (10) ~~(9)~~.

256 (12) ~~(11)~~ For exemptions enumerated in paragraph (1)(b),
 257 social security numbers of the applicant and the applicant's
 258 spouse, if any, are required and must be submitted to the
 259 department. Applications filed pursuant to subsection (6) ~~(5)~~ or
 260 subsection (7) ~~(6)~~ shall include social security numbers of the
 261 applicant and the applicant's spouse, if any. For counties where
 262 the annual application requirement has been waived, property
 263 appraisers may require refiling of an application to obtain such
 264 information.

265 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (24) of section
 266 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

267 1002.33 Charter schools.—

268 (24) RESTRICTION ON EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES.—

269 (a) This subsection applies to charter school personnel in
 270 a charter school operated by a private entity. As used in this
 271 subsection, the term:

272 1. "Charter school personnel" means a ~~charter school~~
 273 ~~owner~~, president, chairperson of the governing board of
 274 directors, superintendent, governing board member, principal,
 275 assistant principal, or any other person employed by the charter

276 school who has equivalent decisionmaking authority and in whom
 277 is vested the authority, or to whom the authority has been
 278 delegated, to appoint, employ, promote, or advance individuals
 279 or to recommend individuals for appointment, employment,
 280 promotion, or advancement in connection with employment in a
 281 charter school, including the authority as a member of a
 282 governing body of a charter school to vote on the appointment,
 283 employment, promotion, or advancement of individuals.

284 2. "Relative" means father, mother, son, daughter,
 285 brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece,
 286 husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,
 287 daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather,
 288 stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half
 289 brother, or half sister.

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 291 Charter school personnel in schools operated by a municipality
 292 or other public entity are subject to s. 112.3135.

293 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
 294 1002.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295 1002.45 Virtual instruction programs.—

296 (5) STUDENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each student
 297 enrolled in the school district's virtual instruction program
 298 authorized pursuant to paragraph (1)(c) must:

299 (b) Take statewide assessments pursuant to s. 1008.22 and
 300 participate in the coordinated screening and progress monitoring

301 system under s. 1008.25(9). Statewide assessments and progress
302 monitoring may be administered within the school district in
303 which such student resides, ~~or as specified in the contract~~
304 under in accordance with s. 1008.24(3). If requested by the
305 approved virtual instruction program provider or virtual charter
306 school, the district of residence must provide the student with
307 access to the district's testing facilities. It is the
308 responsibility of the approved virtual instruction program
309 provider or virtual charter school to provide a list of students
310 to be administered statewide assessments and progress monitoring
311 to the school district, including the students' names, Florida
312 Education Identifiers, grade levels, assessments and progress
313 monitoring to be administered, and contact information. Unless
314 an alternative testing site is mutually agreed to by the
315 approved virtual instruction program provider or virtual charter
316 school and the school district, or as specified in the contract
317 under s. 1008.24, all assessments and progress monitoring must
318 be taken at the school to which the student would be assigned
319 according to district school board attendance policies. A school
320 district must provide the student with access to the school's or
321 district's testing facilities and provide the student with the
322 date and time of the administration of each assessment and
323 progress monitoring.

324 Section 7. Section 1003.052, Florida Statutes, is created
325 to read:

326 1003.052 The Purple Star School District Program.—
 327 (1) (a) The Department of Education shall establish the
 328 Purple Star School District Program. At a minimum, the program
 329 must require a participating school district to:
 330 1. Have at least 75 percent of the schools within the
 331 district be designated as Purple Star Campuses under s.
 332 1003.051.
 333 2. Maintain a web page on the district's website which
 334 includes resources for military students and their families and
 335 a link to each Purple Star Campus's web page that meets the
 336 requirements of s. 1003.051 (2) (a) 2.
 337 (b) The department may establish additional program
 338 criteria to identify school districts that demonstrate a
 339 commitment to or provide critical coordination of services for
 340 military students and their families, including, but not limited
 341 to, establishing a council consisting of a representative from
 342 each Purple Star Campus in the district and one district-level
 343 representative to ensure the alignment of military student-
 344 focused policies and procedures within the district.
 345 (2) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
 346 administer this section.
 347 Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 1003.451, Florida
 348 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection
 349 (4) is added to that section to read:
 350 1003.451 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; military

351 recruiters; access to public school campuses; Armed Services
352 Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB).—

353 (4) Each school district and charter school shall provide
354 students in grades 11 and 12 an opportunity to take the Armed
355 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) and consult
356 with a military recruiter if the student selects. To optimize
357 student participation, the ASVAB must be scheduled during normal
358 school hours.

359 Section 9. Section 1003.53, Florida Statutes, is amended
360 to read:

361 1003.53 Dropout prevention and academic intervention.—

362 (1)(a) Dropout prevention and academic intervention
363 programs may differ from traditional educational programs and
364 schools in scheduling, administrative structure, philosophy,
365 curriculum, or setting and shall employ alternative teaching
366 methodologies, curricula, learning activities, and diagnostic
367 and assessment procedures in order to meet the needs, interests,
368 abilities, and talents of eligible students. The educational
369 program shall provide curricula, character development and law
370 education, and related services that support the program goals
371 and lead to improved performance in the areas of academic
372 achievement, attendance, and discipline. Student participation
373 in such programs shall be voluntary. District school boards may,
374 however, assign students to a disciplinary program for
375 disruptive students or an alternative school setting or other

376 program pursuant to s. 1006.13. Notwithstanding any other
377 provision of law to the contrary, no student shall be identified
378 as being eligible to receive services ~~funded~~ through the dropout
379 prevention and academic intervention program based solely on the
380 student being from a single-parent family or having a
381 disability.

382 (b) Students in grades 1-12 shall be eligible for dropout
383 prevention and academic intervention programs. Eligible students
384 shall be reported in the appropriate basic cost factor in the
385 Florida Education Finance Program. The strategies and supports
386 provided to eligible students shall be funded through the
387 General Appropriations Act and may include, but are not limited
388 to, those services identified on the student's academic
389 intervention plan.

390 (c) A student shall be identified as being eligible to
391 receive services ~~funded~~ through the dropout prevention and
392 academic intervention program based upon one of the following
393 criteria:

394 1. The student is academically unsuccessful as evidenced
395 by low test scores, retention, failing grades, low grade point
396 average, falling behind in earning credits, or not meeting the
397 state or district achievement levels in reading, mathematics, or
398 writing.

399 2. The student has a pattern of excessive absenteeism or
400 has been identified as a habitual truant.

401 3. The student has a history of disruptive behavior in
 402 school or has committed an offense that warrants out-of-school
 403 suspension or expulsion from school according to the district
 404 school board's code of student conduct. For the purposes of this
 405 program, "disruptive behavior" is behavior that:

406 a. Interferes with the student's own learning or the
 407 educational process of others and requires attention and
 408 assistance beyond that which the traditional program can provide
 409 or results in frequent conflicts of a disruptive nature while
 410 the student is under the jurisdiction of the school either in or
 411 out of the classroom; or

412 b. Severely threatens the general welfare of students or
 413 others with whom the student comes into contact.

414 4. The student is identified by a school's early warning
 415 system pursuant to s. 1001.42(18)(b).

416 ~~(d)1. "Second chance schools" means district school board~~
 417 ~~programs provided through cooperative agreements between the~~
 418 ~~Department of Juvenile Justice, private providers, state or~~
 419 ~~local law enforcement agencies, or other state agencies for~~
 420 ~~students who have been disruptive or violent or who have~~
 421 ~~committed serious offenses. As partnership programs, second~~
 422 ~~chance schools are eligible for waivers by the Commissioner of~~
 423 ~~Education from State Board of Education rules that prevent the~~
 424 ~~provision of appropriate educational services to violent,~~
 425 ~~severely disruptive, or delinquent students in small~~

426 ~~nontraditional settings or in court-adjudicated settings.~~

427 ~~2. District school boards seeking to enter into a~~
428 ~~partnership with a private entity or public entity to operate a~~
429 ~~second chance school for disruptive students may apply to the~~
430 ~~Department of Education for startup grants. These grants must be~~
431 ~~available for 1 year and must be used to offset the startup~~
432 ~~costs for implementing such programs off public school campuses.~~
433 ~~General operating funds must be generated through the~~
434 ~~appropriate programs of the Florida Education Finance Program.~~
435 ~~Grants approved under this program shall be for the full~~
436 ~~operation of the school by a private nonprofit or for-profit~~
437 ~~provider or the public entity. This program must operate under~~
438 ~~rules adopted by the State Board of Education and be implemented~~
439 ~~to the extent funded by the Legislature.~~

440 ~~3. A student enrolled in a sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth,~~
441 ~~or tenth grade class may be assigned to a second chance school~~
442 ~~if the student meets the following criteria:~~

443 ~~a. The student is a habitual truant as defined in s.~~
444 ~~1003.01.~~

445 ~~b. The student's excessive absences have detrimentally~~
446 ~~affected the student's academic progress and the student may~~
447 ~~have unique needs that a traditional school setting may not~~
448 ~~meet.~~

449 ~~c. The student's high incidences of truancy have been~~
450 ~~directly linked to a lack of motivation.~~

451 ~~d. The student has been identified as at risk of dropping~~
452 ~~out of school.~~

453 ~~4. A student who is habitually truant may be assigned to a~~
454 ~~second chance school only if the case staffing committee,~~
455 ~~established pursuant to s. 984.12, determines that such~~
456 ~~placement could be beneficial to the student and the criteria~~
457 ~~included in subparagraph 3. are met.~~

458 ~~5. A student may be assigned to a second chance school if~~
459 ~~the district school board in which the student resides has a~~
460 ~~second chance school and if the student meets one of the~~
461 ~~following criteria:~~

462 ~~a. The student habitually exhibits disruptive behavior in~~
463 ~~violation of the code of student conduct adopted by the district~~
464 ~~school board.~~

465 ~~b. The student interferes with the student's own learning~~
466 ~~or the educational process of others and requires attention and~~
467 ~~assistance beyond that which the traditional program can~~
468 ~~provide, or, while the student is under the jurisdiction of the~~
469 ~~school either in or out of the classroom, frequent conflicts of~~
470 ~~a disruptive nature occur.~~

471 ~~e. The student has committed a serious offense which~~
472 ~~warrants suspension or expulsion from school according to the~~
473 ~~district school board's code of student conduct. For the~~
474 ~~purposes of this program, "serious offense" is behavior which:~~

475 ~~(I) Threatens the general welfare of students or others~~

476 ~~with whom the student comes into contact;~~
477 ~~(II) Includes violence;~~
478 ~~(III) Includes possession of weapons or drugs; or~~
479 ~~(IV) Is harassment or verbal abuse of school personnel or~~
480 ~~other students.~~

481 ~~6. Prior to assignment of students to second chance~~
482 ~~schools, district school boards are encouraged to use~~
483 ~~alternative programs, such as in-school suspension, which~~
484 ~~provide instruction and counseling leading to improved student~~
485 ~~behavior, a reduction in the incidence of truancy, and the~~
486 ~~development of more effective interpersonal skills.~~

487 ~~7. Students assigned to second chance schools must be~~
488 ~~evaluated by the district school board's child study team before~~
489 ~~placement in a second chance school. The study team shall ensure~~
490 ~~that students are not eligible for placement in a program for~~
491 ~~emotionally disturbed children.~~

492 ~~8. Students who exhibit academic and social progress and~~
493 ~~who wish to return to a traditional school shall complete a~~
494 ~~character development and law education program and demonstrate~~
495 ~~preparedness to reenter the regular school setting prior to~~
496 ~~reentering a traditional school.~~

497 (2) (a) Each district school board may establish dropout
498 prevention and academic intervention programs at the elementary,
499 middle, junior high school, or high school level. Programs
500 designed to eliminate patterns of excessive absenteeism or

501 habitual truancy shall emphasize academic performance and may
502 provide specific instruction in the areas of career education,
503 preemployment training, and behavioral management. Such programs
504 shall utilize instructional teaching methods and student
505 services that lead to improved student behavior as appropriate
506 to the specific needs of the student.

507 (b) Each school that establishes a dropout prevention and
508 academic intervention program at that school site shall reflect
509 that program in the school improvement plan as required under s.
510 1001.42(18).

511 (c) For each student enrolled in a dropout prevention and
512 academic intervention program, an academic intervention plan
513 shall be developed to address eligibility for placement in the
514 program and to provide individualized student goals and progress
515 monitoring procedures. A student's academic intervention plan
516 must be consistent with the student's individual education plan
517 (IEP).

518 (3) Each district school board providing ~~receiving state~~
519 ~~funding for~~ dropout prevention and academic intervention
520 programs ~~through the General Appropriations Act~~ shall submit
521 information through an annual report to the Department of
522 Education's database documenting the extent to which each of the
523 district's dropout prevention and academic intervention programs
524 has been successful in the areas of graduation rate, dropout
525 rate, attendance rate, and retention/promotion rate. The

526 department shall compile this information into an annual report
 527 which shall be submitted to the presiding officers of the
 528 Legislature by February 15.

529 (4) Each district school board shall establish course
 530 standards, as defined by rule of the State Board of Education,
 531 for dropout prevention and academic intervention programs and
 532 procedures for ensuring that teachers assigned to the programs
 533 are certified pursuant to s. 1012.55 and possess the affective,
 534 pedagogical, and content-related skills necessary to meet the
 535 needs of these students.

536 (5) Each district school board providing a dropout
 537 prevention and academic intervention program pursuant to this
 538 section shall maintain for each participating student records
 539 documenting the student's eligibility, the length of
 540 participation, the type of program to which the student was
 541 assigned or the type of academic intervention services provided,
 542 and an evaluation of the student's academic and behavioral
 543 performance while in the program. Before ~~The school principal or~~
 544 ~~his or her designee shall, prior to~~ placement in a dropout
 545 prevention and academic intervention program or the provision of
 546 an academic service, the school principal or his or her designee
 547 shall provide written notice of placement or services ~~by~~
 548 ~~certified mail, return receipt requested,~~ to the student's
 549 parent; shall make a reasonable effort to notify the student's
 550 parent by telephone or e-mail, or both; and must document such

551 effort. The parent of the student shall sign an acknowledgment
552 of the notice of placement or service and return the signed
553 acknowledgment to the principal within 3 days after receipt of
554 the notice. The parents of a student assigned to such a dropout
555 prevention and academic intervention program shall be notified
556 in writing and entitled to an administrative review of any
557 action by school personnel relating to such placement pursuant
558 to ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 120.

559 (6) District school board dropout prevention and academic
560 intervention programs shall be coordinated with social service,
561 law enforcement, prosecutorial, and juvenile justice agencies
562 and juvenile assessment centers in the school district.
563 Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1002.22, these agencies are
564 authorized to exchange information contained in student records
565 and juvenile justice records. Such information is confidential
566 and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1). District school
567 boards and other agencies receiving such information shall use
568 the information only for official purposes connected with the
569 certification of students for admission to and for the
570 administration of the dropout prevention and academic
571 intervention program, and shall maintain the confidentiality of
572 such information unless otherwise provided by law or rule.

573 (7) The State Board of Education shall have the authority
574 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to adopt rules necessary
575 to implement ~~the provisions of~~ this section; such rules shall

576 require the minimum amount of necessary paperwork and reporting.

577 Section 10. Section 1004.051, Florida Statutes, is created
578 to read:

579 1004.051 Regulation of working students.-

580 (1) A public postsecondary institution may not, as a
581 condition of admission to or enrollment in any of the
582 institution's schools, colleges, or programs, implicitly or
583 explicitly prohibit an applicant or currently enrolled student
584 from being employed, either full time or part time.

585 (2) This section does not apply if the applicant or
586 currently enrolled student is employed by an organization or
587 agency that is affiliated or associated with a foreign country
588 of concern as defined in s. 288.860(1).

589 Section 11. Subsections (3) through (16) of section
590 1006.38, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4)
591 through (17), respectively, present subsections (14) and (16)
592 are amended, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section,
593 to read:

594 1006.38 Duties, responsibilities, and requirements of
595 instructional materials publishers and manufacturers.—This
596 section applies to both the state and district approval
597 processes. Publishers and manufacturers of instructional
598 materials, or their representatives, shall:

599 (3) For each adoption cycle, make sample copies of all
600 instructional materials on the commissioner's list of state-

601 adopted instructional materials available electronically for use
 602 by educator preparation institutes as defined in s. 1004.85(1)
 603 to enable educators to practice teaching with currently adopted
 604 instructional materials aligned to state academic standards.

605 (15)~~(14)~~ Accurately and fully disclose only the names of
 606 those persons who actually authored the instructional materials.
 607 In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (17) ~~(16)~~,
 608 the commissioner may remove from the list of state-adopted
 609 instructional materials those instructional materials whose
 610 publisher or manufacturer misleads the purchaser by falsely
 611 representing genuine authorship.

612 (17)~~(16)~~ Upon the willful failure of the publisher or
 613 manufacturer to comply with the requirements of this section, be
 614 liable to the department in the amount of three times the total
 615 sum which the publisher or manufacturer was paid in excess of
 616 the price required under subsections (6) ~~(5)~~ and (7) ~~(6)~~ and in
 617 the amount of three times the total value of the instructional
 618 materials and services which the district school board is
 619 entitled to receive free of charge under subsection (8) ~~(7)~~.

620 Section 12. Subsections (9) and (12) of section 1007.25,
 621 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

622 1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites;
 623 other degree requirements.—

624 (9)(a) An associate in arts degree must ~~shall~~ require no
 625 more than 60 semester hours of college credit and include 36

626 semester hours of general education coursework. Beginning with
627 students initially entering a Florida College System institution
628 or state university in the 2014-2015 academic year and
629 thereafter, coursework for an associate in arts degree must
630 ~~shall~~ include demonstration of competency in a foreign language
631 pursuant to s. 1007.262. Except for developmental education
632 required pursuant to s. 1008.30, all required coursework must
633 ~~shall~~ count toward the associate in arts degree or the
634 baccalaureate degree.

635 (b) An associate in arts specialized transfer degree must
636 include 36 semester hours of general education coursework and
637 require 60 semester hours or more of college credit. Specialized
638 transfer degrees are designed for Florida College System
639 institution students who need supplemental lower-level
640 coursework in preparation for transfer to another institution.
641 The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for the
642 review and approval of new specialized transfer degrees. The
643 approval process must require:

644 1. A Florida College System institution to submit a notice
645 of its intent to propose a new associate in arts specialized
646 degree program to the Division of Florida Colleges. The notice
647 must include the recommended credit hours, the rationale for the
648 specialization, the demand for students entering the field, and
649 the coursework being proposed to be included beyond the 60
650 semester hours required for the general transfer degree, if

651 applicable. Notices of intent may be submitted by a Florida
652 College System institution at any time.

653 2. The Division of Florida Colleges to forward the notice
654 of intent within 10 business days after receipt to all Florida
655 College System institutions and the Chancellor of the State
656 University System, who shall forward the notice to all state
657 universities. State universities and Florida College System
658 institutions shall have 60 days after receipt of the notice to
659 submit comments to the proposed associate in arts specialized
660 transfer degree.

661 3. After the submission of comments pursuant to
662 subparagraph 2., the requesting Florida College System
663 institution to submit a proposal that, at a minimum, includes:

664 a. Evidence that the coursework for the associate in arts
665 specialized transfer degree includes demonstration of competency
666 in a foreign language pursuant to s. 1007.262 and demonstration
667 of civic literacy competency as provided in subsection (5).

668 b. Demonstration that all required coursework will count
669 toward the associate in arts degree or the baccalaureate degree.

670 c. An analysis of demand and unmet need for students
671 entering the specialized field of study at the baccalaureate
672 level.

673 d. Justification for the program length if it exceeds 60
674 credit hours, including references to the common prerequisite
675 manual or other requirements for the baccalaureate degree. This

676 includes documentation of alignment between the exit
677 requirements of a Florida College System institution and the
678 admissions requirements of a baccalaureate program at a state
679 university to which students would typically transfer.

680 e. Articulation agreements for graduates of the associate
681 in arts specialized transfer degree.

682 f. Responses to the comments received under subparagraph
683 2.

684 (c) The Division of Florida Colleges shall review the
685 proposal and, within 30 days after receipt, shall provide
686 written notification to the Florida College System institution
687 of any deficiencies and provide the institution with an
688 opportunity to correct the deficiencies. Within 45 days after
689 receipt of a completed proposal by the Division of Florida
690 Colleges, the Commissioner of Education shall recommend approval
691 or disapproval of the new specialized transfer degree to the
692 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall
693 consider the recommendation at its next meeting.

694 (d) Upon approval of an associate in arts specialized
695 transfer degree by the State Board of Education, a Florida
696 College System institution may offer the degree and shall report
697 data on student and program performance in a manner prescribed
698 by the Department of Education.

699 (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
700 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to prescribe format and

701 content requirements and submission procedures for notices of
 702 intent, proposals, and compliance reviews under this subsection.

703 (12) A student who received an associate in arts degree
 704 ~~for successfully completing 60 semester credit hours~~ may
 705 continue to earn additional credits at a Florida College System
 706 institution. The university must provide credit toward the
 707 student's baccalaureate degree for an additional Florida College
 708 System institution course if, according to the statewide course
 709 numbering, the Florida College System institution course is a
 710 course listed in the university catalog as required for the
 711 degree or as prerequisite to a course required for the degree.
 712 Of the courses required for the degree, at least half of the
 713 credit hours required for the degree must ~~shall~~ be achievable
 714 through courses designated as lower division, except in degree
 715 programs approved by the State Board of Education for programs
 716 offered by Florida College System institutions and by the Board
 717 of Governors for programs offered by state universities.

718 Section 13. Subsection (4) of section 1007.271, Florida
 719 Statutes, is amended to read:

720 1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.—

721 (4) (a) District school boards may not refuse to enter into
 722 a dual enrollment articulation agreement with a local Florida
 723 College System institution if that Florida College System
 724 institution has the capacity to offer dual enrollment courses.

725 (b) District school boards must make reasonable efforts to

726 enter into dual enrollment articulation agreements with a
 727 Florida College System institution which offers online dual
 728 enrollment courses.

729 Section 14. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 1008.33,
 730 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

731 1008.33 Authority to enforce public school improvement.—

732 (4)(a) The state board shall apply intensive intervention
 733 and support strategies tailored to the needs of schools earning
 734 two consecutive grades of "D" or a grade of "F." In the first
 735 full school year after a school initially earns a grade of "D,"
 736 the school district must immediately implement intervention and
 737 support strategies prescribed in rule under paragraph (3)(c).
 738 For a school that initially earns a grade of "F" or a second
 739 consecutive grade of "D," the school district must either
 740 continue implementing or immediately begin implementing
 741 intervention and support strategies prescribed in rule under
 742 paragraph (3)(c) and provide the department, by August ~~September~~
 743 ~~1,~~ with the memorandum of understanding negotiated pursuant to
 744 s. 1001.42(21) and, ~~by October 1,~~ a district-managed turnaround
 745 plan for approval by the state board. The plan must include
 746 measurable academic benchmarks that put the school on a path to
 747 earning and maintaining a grade of "C" or higher ~~The district-~~
 748 ~~managed turnaround plan may include a proposal for the district~~
 749 ~~to implement an extended school day, a summer program, a~~
 750 ~~combination of an extended school day and a summer program, or~~

751 ~~any other option authorized under paragraph (b) for state board~~
752 ~~approval. A school district is not required to wait until a~~
753 ~~school earns a second consecutive grade of "D" to submit a~~
754 ~~turnaround plan for approval by the state board under this~~
755 ~~paragraph.~~ Upon approval by the state board, the school district
756 must implement the plan for the remainder of the school year and
757 continue the plan for 1 full school year. The state board may
758 allow a school an additional year of implementation before the
759 school must implement a turnaround option required under
760 paragraph (b) if it determines that the school is likely to
761 improve to a grade of "C" or higher after the first full school
762 year of implementation.

763 (b) Unless an additional year of implementation is
764 provided pursuant to paragraph (a), a school that completes a
765 plan cycle under paragraph (a) and does not improve to a grade
766 of "C" or higher must ~~implement one of the following:~~

767 1. Reassign students to another school and monitor the
768 progress of each reassigned student;

769 2. Close the school and reopen the school as one or more
770 charter schools, each with a governing board that has a
771 demonstrated record of effectiveness. Upon reopening as a
772 charter school:

773 a. The school district shall continue to operate the
774 school for the following school year and no later than October 1
775 execute a charter school turnaround contract that will allow the

776 charter school an opportunity to conduct an evaluation of the
777 educational program and personnel currently assigned to the
778 school during the year in preparation for assuming full
779 operational control of the school and facility by July 1. The
780 school district may not reduce or remove resources from the
781 school during this time.

782 b. The charter school operator must provide enrollment
783 preference to students currently attending or who would have
784 otherwise attended or been zoned for the school. The school
785 district shall consult and negotiate with the charter school
786 every 3 years to determine whether realignment of the attendance
787 zone is appropriate to ensure that students residing closest to
788 the school are provided with an enrollment preference.

789 c. The charter school operator must serve the existing
790 grade levels served by the school at its current enrollment or
791 higher, but may, at its discretion, serve additional grade
792 levels.

793 d. The school district may not charge rental or leasing
794 fees for the existing facility or for the property normally
795 inventoried to the school. The school and the school district
796 shall agree to reasonable maintenance provisions in order to
797 maintain the facility in a manner similar to all other school
798 facilities in the school district.

799 e. The school district may not withhold an administrative
800 fee for the provision of services identified in s.

801 1002.33(20)(a); or

802 3. Contract with an outside entity that has a demonstrated
 803 record of effectiveness to provide turnaround services
 804 identified in state board rule, which may include school
 805 leadership, educational modalities, teacher and leadership
 806 professional development, curriculum, operation and management
 807 services, school-based administrative staffing, budgeting,
 808 scheduling, other educational service provider functions, or any
 809 combination thereof. Selection of an outside entity may include
 810 one or a combination of the following:

811 a. An external operator, which may be a district-managed
 812 charter school or a high-performing charter school network in
 813 which all instructional personnel are not employees of the
 814 school district, but are employees of an independent governing
 815 board composed of members who did not participate in the review
 816 or approval of the charter.

817 b. A contractual agreement that allows for a charter
 818 school network or any of its affiliated subsidiaries to provide
 819 individualized consultancy services tailored to address the
 820 identified needs of one or more schools under this section.

821
 822 A school district and outside entity under this subparagraph
 823 must enter, at minimum, a 2-year, performance-based contract.
 824 The contract must include school performance and growth metrics
 825 the outside entity must meet on an annual basis. The state board

826 | may require the school district to modify or cancel the
827 | contract.

828 | (c) Implementation of the turnaround option is no longer
829 | required if the school improves to a grade of "C" or higher,
830 | unless the school district has already executed a charter school
831 | turnaround contract pursuant to this section.

832 | (d) If a school earning two consecutive grades of "D" or a
833 | grade of "F" does not improve to a grade of "C" or higher after
834 | 2 school years of implementing the turnaround option selected by
835 | the school district under paragraph (b), the school district
836 | must implement another turnaround option. Implementation of the
837 | turnaround option must begin the school year following the
838 | implementation period of the existing turnaround option, unless
839 | the state board determines that the school is likely to improve
840 | to a grade of "C" or higher if additional time is provided to
841 | implement the existing turnaround option.

842 | (5) The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.
843 | 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this section. The rules
844 | shall include timelines for submission of implementation plans,
845 | approval criteria for implementation plans, ~~and~~ timelines for
846 | implementing intervention and support strategies, a standard
847 | charter school turnaround contract, a standard facility lease,
848 | and a mutual management agreement. The state board shall consult
849 | with education stakeholders in developing the rules.

850 | Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section

851 1009.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

852 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
 853 purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or
 854 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in
 855 postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical
 856 career centers or career centers operated by school districts,
 857 in Florida College System institutions, and in state
 858 universities.

859 (3)

860 (c) Each institution of higher education shall
 861 affirmatively determine that an applicant who has been granted
 862 admission to that institution as a Florida resident meets the
 863 residency requirements of this section at the time of initial
 864 enrollment. The residency determination must be documented by
 865 the submission of written or electronic verification that
 866 includes two or more of the documents identified in this
 867 paragraph, unless the document provided is the document
 868 described in sub-subparagraph 1.f., which is deemed a single,
 869 conclusive piece of evidence proving residency. ~~No single piece~~
 870 ~~of evidence shall be conclusive.~~

871 1. The documents must include at least one of the
 872 following:

- 873 a. A Florida voter's registration card.
- 874 b. A Florida driver license.
- 875 c. A State of Florida identification card.

- 876 d. A Florida vehicle registration.
- 877 e. Proof of a permanent home in Florida which is occupied
878 as a primary residence by the individual or by the individual's
879 parent if the individual is a dependent child.
- 880 f. An application for property tax exemption for homestead
881 property that has been approved by a property appraiser,
882 provided that such property has been continuously maintained as
883 the primary residence for at least 12 months before the first
884 day of the semester for which the resident status is being
885 claimed ~~Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.~~
- 886 g. Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple
887 years if the Florida high school diploma or high school
888 equivalency diploma was earned within the last 12 months.
- 889 h. Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for
890 at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.
- 891 2. The documents may include one or more of the following:
- 892 a. A declaration of domicile in Florida.
- 893 b. A Florida professional or occupational license.
- 894 c. Florida incorporation.
- 895 d. A document evidencing family ties in Florida.
- 896 e. Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or
897 professional organization.
- 898 f. Any other documentation that supports the student's
899 request for resident status, including, but not limited to,
900 utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a

901 lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments;
902 or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing
903 legal ties to Florida.

904 Section 16. Subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection
905 (6), and subsection (9) of section 1012.79, Florida Statutes,
906 are amended to read:

907 1012.79 Education Practices Commission; organization.—

908 (5) The Commissioner of Education may, at his or her
909 discretion, appoint and remove ~~commission, by a vote of three-~~
910 ~~fourths of the membership, shall employ~~ an executive director,
911 who shall be exempt from career service. ~~The executive director~~
912 ~~may be dismissed by a majority vote of the membership.~~

913 (6) (a) The commission shall be assigned to the Department
914 of Education for administrative and fiscal accountability
915 purposes. The commission, in the performance of its powers and
916 duties, may ~~shall~~ not be subject to control, supervision, or
917 direction by the Department of Education.

918 (9) The commission shall make such expenditures as may be
919 necessary in exercising its authority and powers and carrying
920 out its duties and responsibilities, including expenditures for
921 personal services, legal services ~~general counsel or access to~~
922 ~~counsel~~, and rent at the seat of government and elsewhere; for
923 books of reference, periodicals, furniture, equipment, and
924 supplies; and for printing and binding. The expenditures of the
925 commission shall be subject to the powers and duties of the

926 Department of Financial Services as provided in s. 17.03.

927 Section 17. Section 1012.86, Florida Statutes, is
928 repealed.

929 Section 18. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 948.037,
930 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

931 948.037 Education and learning as a condition of probation
932 or community control.—

933 (2) A juvenile on community control who is a public school
934 student must attend a public adult education program or a
935 dropout prevention program, pursuant to s. 1003.53, ~~which~~
936 ~~includes a second chance school or an alternative to expulsion,~~
937 if the school district where the juvenile is enrolled offers
938 such programs, unless the principal of the school determines
939 that special circumstances warrant continuation in the regular
940 educational school program.

941 (3) If a juvenile on community control attends a regular
942 educational school program because a public adult education
943 program or dropout prevention program, ~~which includes a second~~
944 ~~chance school or an alternative to expulsion,~~ is not available
945 in the school district, the identity of the juvenile on
946 community control, the nature of the felony offense committed by
947 the juvenile, and the conditions of community control must be
948 made known to each of the student's teachers.

949 Section 19. Subsection (19) of section 1001.64, Florida
950 Statutes, is amended to read:

951 1001.64 Florida College System institution boards of
 952 trustees; powers and duties.—

953 (19) Each board of trustees shall appoint, suspend, or
 954 remove the president of the Florida College System institution.
 955 The board of trustees may appoint a search committee. The board
 956 of trustees shall conduct annual evaluations of the president in
 957 accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and submit
 958 such evaluations to the State Board of Education for review. The
 959 evaluation must address the achievement of the performance goals
 960 established by the accountability process implemented pursuant
 961 to s. 1008.45 and the performance of the president in achieving
 962 the annual and long-term goals and objectives ~~established in the~~
 963 ~~Florida College System institution's employment accountability~~
 964 ~~program implemented pursuant to s. 1012.86.~~

965 Section 20. Subsection (22) of section 1001.65, Florida
 966 Statutes, is amended to read:

967 1001.65 Florida College System institution presidents;
 968 powers and duties.—The president is the chief executive officer
 969 of the Florida College System institution, shall be corporate
 970 secretary of the Florida College System institution board of
 971 trustees, and is responsible for the operation and
 972 administration of the Florida College System institution. Each
 973 Florida College System institution president shall:

974 ~~(22) Submit an annual employment accountability plan to~~
 975 ~~the Department of Education pursuant to the provisions of s.~~

976 | ~~1012.86.~~

977 | Section 21. Paragraphs (l) and (m) of subsection (2) of
978 | section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

979 | 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
980 | discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
981 | provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
982 | attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
983 | attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
984 | welfare of students, including:

985 | (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student
986 | conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for
987 | middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to
988 | all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the
989 | beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and
990 | written in language that is understandable to students and
991 | parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school
992 | year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and
993 | parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each
994 | code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and
995 | discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be
996 | made available in the student handbook or similar publication.
997 | Each code shall include, but is not limited to:

998 | (1) Notice that any student who is determined to have
999 | brought a firearm or weapon, as defined in chapter 790, to
1000 | school, to any school function, or onto any school-sponsored

1001 transportation, or to have possessed a firearm at school, will
 1002 be expelled, with or without continuing educational services,
 1003 from the student's regular school for a period of not less than
 1004 1 full year and referred to mental health services identified by
 1005 the school district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4) and the criminal
 1006 justice or juvenile justice system. District school boards may
 1007 assign the student to a disciplinary program ~~or second chance~~
 1008 ~~school~~ for the purpose of continuing educational services during
 1009 the period of expulsion. District school superintendents may
 1010 consider the 1-year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case
 1011 basis and request the district school board to modify the
 1012 requirement by assigning the student to a disciplinary program
 1013 ~~or second chance school~~ if the request for modification is in
 1014 writing and it is determined to be in the best interest of the
 1015 student and the school system.

1016 (m) Notice that any student who is determined to have made
 1017 a threat or false report, as defined by ss. 790.162 and 790.163,
 1018 respectively, involving school or school personnel's property,
 1019 school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity will be
 1020 expelled, with or without continuing educational services, from
 1021 the student's regular school for a period of not less than 1
 1022 full year and referred for criminal prosecution and mental
 1023 health services identified by the school district pursuant to s.
 1024 1012.584(4) for evaluation or treatment, when appropriate.
 1025 District school boards may assign the student to a disciplinary

1026 | program ~~or second chance school~~ for the purpose of continuing
1027 | educational services during the period of expulsion. District
1028 | school superintendents may consider the 1-year expulsion
1029 | requirement on a case-by-case basis and request the district
1030 | school board to modify the requirement by assigning the student
1031 | to a disciplinary program ~~or second chance school~~ if it is
1032 | determined to be in the best interest of the student and the
1033 | school system.

1034 | Section 22. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
1035 | 1006.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1036 | 1006.09 Duties of school principal relating to student
1037 | discipline and school safety.—

1038 | (1)

1039 | (c) The principal or the principal's designee may
1040 | recommend to the district school superintendent the expulsion of
1041 | any student who has committed a serious breach of conduct,
1042 | including, but not limited to, willful disobedience, open
1043 | defiance of authority of a member of his or her staff, violence
1044 | against persons or property, or any other act which
1045 | substantially disrupts the orderly conduct of the school. A
1046 | recommendation of expulsion ~~or assignment to a second chance~~
1047 | ~~school~~ may also be made for any student found to have
1048 | intentionally made false accusations that jeopardize the
1049 | professional reputation, employment, or professional
1050 | certification of a teacher or other member of the school staff,

1051 according to the district school board code of student conduct.
 1052 Any recommendation of expulsion shall include a detailed report
 1053 by the principal or the principal's designated representative on
 1054 the alternative measures taken prior to the recommendation of
 1055 expulsion.

1056 Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 1006.13, Florida
 1057 Statutes, is amended to read:

1058 1006.13 Policy of zero tolerance for crime and
 1059 victimization.—

1060 (3) Zero-tolerance policies must require students found to
 1061 have committed one of the following offenses to be expelled,
 1062 with or without continuing educational services, from the
 1063 student's regular school for a period of not less than 1 full
 1064 year, and to be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile
 1065 justice system.

1066 (a) Bringing a firearm or weapon, as defined in chapter
 1067 790, to school, to any school function, or onto any school-
 1068 sponsored transportation or possessing a firearm at school.

1069 (b) Making a threat or false report, as defined by ss.
 1070 790.162 and 790.163, respectively, involving school or school
 1071 personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-
 1072 sponsored activity.

1073
 1074 District school boards may assign the student to a disciplinary
 1075 program for the purpose of continuing educational services

1076 | during the period of expulsion. District school superintendents
1077 | may consider the 1-year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case
1078 | basis and request the district school board to modify the
1079 | requirement by assigning the student to a disciplinary program
1080 | ~~or second-chance school~~ if the request for modification is in
1081 | writing and it is determined to be in the best interest of the
1082 | student and the school system. If a student committing any of
1083 | the offenses in this subsection is a student who has a
1084 | disability, the district school board shall comply with
1085 | applicable State Board of Education rules.

1086 | Section 24. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.