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		CHAMBER ACTION
		Senate House
1		Representative Hunschofsky offered the following:
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3		Amendment (with title amendment)
4		Remove lines 1505-1741 and insert:
5		Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian
6		Program under s. 30.15(1)(k).
7		(b) A private school that establishes a safe-school
8		officer must comply with the requirements of s. 1006.12.
9		References to a school district, district school board, or
10		district school superintendent in s. 1006.12(1)-(5) shall also
11		mean a private school governing board or private school head of
12		school, as applicable. References to a school district employee
13		in s. 1006.12(3) shall also mean a private school employee.
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14 Section 21. Effective upon becoming a law, subsection (2) of section 1003.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 15 16 1003.25 Procedures for maintenance and transfer of student 17 records.-The procedure for transferring and maintaining records 18 (2) 19 of students who transfer from school to school is shall be 20 prescribed by rules of the State Board of Education. The transfer of records must shall occur within 3 school days. The 21 records must shall include, if applicable: 22 23 Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior (a) 24 patterns, including any threat assessment report, all 25 corresponding documentation, and any other information required 26 by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument 27 pursuant to s. 1001.212(12) which contains the evaluation, 28 evaluations and intervention, and management of the threat 29 assessment evaluations and intervention services. 30 Psychological evaluations, including therapeutic (b) 31 treatment plans and therapy or progress notes created or 32 maintained by school district or charter school staff, as 33 appropriate. 34 Section 22. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraph (b) 35 of subsection (4), paragraph (b) of subsection (6), and 36 subsections (7) and (9) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes,

37 are amended to read:

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38 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student 39 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall 40 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the 41 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper 42 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the 43 welfare of students, including:

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(4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.-

(b) Provide timely notification to parents of threats pursuant to policies adopted under subsection (7) and the following unlawful acts or significant emergencies that occur on school grounds, during school transportation, or during schoolsponsored activities:

50 1. Weapons possession or use when there is intended harm 51 toward another person, hostage, and active assailant situations. 52 The active assailant situation training for each school must 53 engage the participation of the district school safety 54 specialist, threat management assessment team members, faculty, 55 staff, and students and must be conducted by the law enforcement 56 agency or agencies that are designated as first responders to 57 the school's campus.

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2. Murder, homicide, or manslaughter.

3. Sex offenses, including rape, sexual assault, or sexualmisconduct with a student by school personnel.

61 4. Natural emergencies, including hurricanes, tornadoes,62 and severe storms.

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63 Exposure as a result of a manmade emergency. 5. SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.-Each district 64 (6) 65 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the 66 67 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior 68 poses a threat to the safety of the school community. 69 (b) Mental health coordinator.-Each district school board 70 shall identify a mental health coordinator for the district. The 71 mental health coordinator shall serve as the district's primary point of contact regarding the district's coordination, 72 73 communication, and implementation of student mental health 74 policies, procedures, responsibilities, and reporting, 75 including: 76 1. Coordinating with the Office of Safe Schools, 77 established pursuant to s. 1001.212. 78 2. Maintaining records and reports regarding student 79 mental health as it relates to school safety and the mental health assistance allocation under s. 1011.62(14). 80 81 3. Facilitating the implementation of school district 82 policies relating to the respective duties and responsibilities of the school district, the superintendent, and district school 83 84 principals. 85 4. Coordinating with the school safety specialist on the staffing and training of threat management assessment teams and 86 988641

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facilitating referrals to mental health services, as 87 appropriate, for students and their families. 88 89 5. Coordinating with the school safety specialist on the 90 training and resources for students and school district staff 91 relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance. 92 6. Reviewing annually the school district's policies and procedures related to student mental health for compliance with 93 94 state law and alignment with current best practices and making 95 recommendations, as needed, for amending such policies and 96 procedures to the superintendent and the district school board. 97 (7) THREAT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT TEAMS.-Each district 98 school board and charter school governing board shall establish 99 a adopt policies for the establishment of threat management team 100 assessment teams at each school whose duties include the 101 coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with 102 students individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to the 103 safety of the school, school staff, or students consistent with 104 the model policies developed by the Office of Safe Schools. Such 105 policies must include procedures for referrals to mental health 106 services identified by the school district pursuant to s. 107 1012.584(4), when appropriate, and procedures for behavioral 108 threat assessments in compliance with the instrument developed 109 pursuant to s. 1001.212(12). 110 (a) Upon the availability of a statewide behavioral threat

111 <u>management operational process developed pursuant to s.</u> 988641

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112 1001.212(12), all threat management teams shall use the 113 operational process. 114 (b) (a) A threat management assessment team shall include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school 115 116 administration, and law enforcement, and at least one 117 instructional or administrative personnel, pursuant to s. 1012.01(2) and (3), who is personally familiar with the 118 119 individual who is the subject of the threat assessment. All 120 members of the threat management assessment team must be 121 involved in the threat assessment and threat management process 122 and final decisionmaking. 123 The threat management team assessment teams shall (C) 124 identify members of the school community to whom threatening 125 behavior should be reported and provide guidance to students, 126 faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or 127 aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, 128 school, or self. 129 (d) Upon the availability of the Florida-specific 130 behavioral threat assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 131 1001.212(12), all the threat management teams assessment team shall use that instrument when evaluating the behavior of 132 133 students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or 134 students and to coordinate intervention and services for such 135 students.

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(e) (b) Upon a preliminary determination that a student 136 poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or 137 138 herself or others, a threat management assessment team shall immediately report its determination to the superintendent or 139 140 his or her designee. The superintendent or his or her designee or the charter school administrator or his or her designee shall 141 142 immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal 143 guardian. Nothing in this subsection precludes shall preclude 144 school district or charter school governing board personnel from 145 acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

(f) (c) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat 146 147 management assessment team that a student poses a threat of violence to himself or herself or others or exhibits 148 149 significantly disruptive behavior or need for assistance, authorized members of the threat management assessment team may 150 151 obtain criminal history record information pursuant to s. 152 985.04(1). A member of a threat management assessment team may not disclose any criminal history record information obtained 153 154 pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an 155 individual beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made 156 to the threat management assessment team.

157 <u>(g) (d)</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all 158 state and local agencies and programs that provide services to 159 students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or 160 a mental illness, including the school districts, <u>charter</u> 988641

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161 schools, school personnel, state and local law enforcement 162 agencies, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of 163 Children and Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for 164 Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with 165 Disabilities, the Department of Education, the Statewide 166 Guardian Ad Litem Office, and any service or support provider 167 contracting with such agencies, may share with each other 168 records or information that are confidential or exempt from 169 disclosure under chapter 119 if the records or information are 170 reasonably necessary to ensure access to appropriate services 171 for the student or to ensure the safety of the student or others. All such state and local agencies and programs shall 172 173 communicate, collaborate, and coordinate efforts to serve such 174 students.

175 (h) (e) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse 176 crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow steps 177 policies established by the threat management assessment team to engage behavioral health crisis resources. Behavioral health 178 179 crisis resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis 180 teams and school resource officers trained in crisis 181 intervention, shall provide emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and refer the student for 182 183 appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall report all 184 such situations and actions taken to the threat management assessment team, which shall contact the other agencies involved 185 988641

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186 with the student and any known service providers to share 187 information and coordinate any necessary followup actions. Upon 188 the student's transfer to a different school, the threat 189 <u>management</u> assessment team shall verify that any intervention 190 services provided to the student remain in place until the 191 threat <u>management</u> assessment team of the receiving school 192 independently determines the need for intervention services.

(i) The threat management team shall prepare a threat assessment report required by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(12). A threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, and any other information required by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument in the threat management portal is an education record.

200 <u>(j)(f)</u> Each threat <u>management</u> assessment team established 201 pursuant to this subsection shall report quantitative data on 202 its activities to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with 203 guidance from the office and shall utilize the threat assessment 204 database developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(13) upon the 205 availability of the database.

(9) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING.-Each district school board shall adopt policies to ensure the accurate and timely reporting of incidents related to school safety and discipline. The district school superintendent is responsible for school environmental safety incident reporting. 988641

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211 A district school superintendent who fails to comply with this 212 subsection is subject to the penalties specified in law, 213 including, but not limited to, s. 1001.42(13)(b) or s. 214 1001.51(12)(b), as applicable. The State Board of Education 215 shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school environmental safety incident report, including those incidents 216 217 that must be reported to a law enforcement agency. Annually, the 218 department shall publish on its website the most recently 219 available school environmental safety incident data along with 220 other school accountability and performance data in a uniform, statewide format that is easy to read and understand. 221

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Section 23. Effective upon becoming a law:

223 (1) The State Board of Education is authorized, and all 224 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to 225 s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing 226 the amendments made to s. 1006.07(9), Florida Statutes. The 227 Legislature finds that school district discretion over reporting criminal incidents to law enforcement has resulted in 228 229 significant under-reporting of serious crimes. The Legislature further finds that emergency rulemaking authority is necessary 230 to ensure that all reportable incidents that are crimes are 231 232 reported to law enforcement as soon as practicable starting in 233 the 2023-2024 school year. Emergency rules adopted under this 234 section are exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes and shall remain in effect until replaced by rules adopted under the 235 988641

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236 nonemergency rulemaking procedures of chapter 120, Florida 237 Statutes which must occur no later than July 1, 2024. 238 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (1) are effective for 6 239 240 months after adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of 241 procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of 242 the emergency rules. 243 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 1006.12, Florida 244 Statutes, is amended to read: 245 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.-For 246 the protection and safety of school personnel, property, 247 students, and visitors, each district school board and school 248 district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement 249 agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more 250 safe-school officers at each school facility within the 251 district, including charter schools. A district school board 252 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to 253 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer 254 options available under this section. The school district may 255 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)-(4)256 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter 257 schools. 258 (3) SCHOOL GUARDIAN. - At the school district's or the 259 charter school governing board's discretion, as applicable, pursuant to s. 30.15, a school district or charter school 260 988641

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governing board may participate in the <u>Scott Hixson</u>, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program to meet the requirement of establishing a safe-school officer. The following individuals may serve as a school guardian, in support of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, upon satisfactory completion of the requirements under s. 30.15(1)(k) and certification by a sheriff:

(a) A school district employee or personnel, as defined under s. 1012.01, or a charter school employee, as provided under s. 1002.33(12) (a), who volunteers to serve as a school quardian in addition to his or her official job duties; or

(b) An employee of a school district or a charter school who is hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school guardian.

276 If a district school board, through its adopted policies, 277 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school 278 279 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the 280 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource 281 282 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school 283 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s. 284 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

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TITLE AMENDMENT
Remove lines 93-106 and insert:
purposes; conforming a provision to a change made by
the act; requiring a private school that establishes a
safe-school officer to comply with specified
provisions of law; providing that the private school
is responsible for certain implementation costs;
amending s. 1003.25, F.S.; revising information
included in verified reports of serious or recurrent
behavior patterns; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.;
redesignating threat assessment teams as threat
management teams; requiring a charter school governing
board to establish a threat management team; providing
requirements for a threat management team; requiring
the threat management team to prepare a specified
report; authorizing the state board to adopt emergency
rules; providing legislative findings; amending s.
1006.12, F.S.; conforming a provision to a change made
by the act; creating s.

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