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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to students leaving school grounds;
3 providing a short title; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.;
4 authorizing district school boards to adopt programs
5 and policies for students to leave school grounds
6 during their school lunch periods; requiring the
7 parents of students in certain school districts to
8 provide written consent for their children to leave
9 school grounds during their school lunch periods;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Mayra Capote
15 Act."

16 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
17 1001.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
19 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
20 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
21 State Board of Education rule.

22 (1) STUDENT MANAGEMENT.—The district school board may
23 adopt programs and policies to ensure the safety and welfare of
24 individuals, the student body, and school personnel, which
25 programs and policies may:

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26 (c) Provide procedures for student dismissal precautions
27 and for granting permission for students to leave school grounds
28 during school hours, including releasing a student from school
29 upon request by a parent, ~~or~~ for public appearances of school
30 groups, or for his or her school lunch period. However, if a
31 school district has more than 100,000 students enrolled in
32 prekindergarten through grade 12, a parent must provide written
33 consent for his or her child to be permitted to leave school
34 grounds during his or her school lunch period.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.