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An act relating to school discipline report cards; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the Office of Safe Schools, beginning with a certain school year, to develop and publish on its website school discipline report cards based on data collected through school environmental safety incident reports; specifying requirements for the reports; amending ss. 1001.10, 1006.1493, and 1006.07, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Present subsections (9) through (15) of section 1001.212, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (10) through (16), respectively, a new subsection (9) is added to that section, and present subsection (13) of that section is amended, to read:

19 1001.212 Office of Safe Schools.—There is created in the
20 Department of Education the Office of Safe Schools. The office
21 is fully accountable to the Commissioner of Education. The
22 office shall serve as a central repository for best practices,
23 training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters

regarding school safety and security, including prevention efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness

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planning. The office shall:

- (9) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, develop and publish on its website school discipline report cards based on data collected through school environmental safety incident reports pursuant to subsection (8). The report cards must show data at the school, school district, and state levels and must do all the following:
- (a) Allow data to be broken down by type of incident or type of discipline imposed.
- (b) Allow data to be broken down by sex, race, English language learner status, and disability.
- (c) Allow comparison of a school's demographic data with the demographic data of the school district in which the school is located and the demographic data of this state.
- (d) Allow comparison of data by school, school district, and state levels.
- (14) (13) Establish the Statewide Threat Assessment
 Database Workgroup, composed of members appointed by the
 department, to complement the work of the department and the
 Department of Law Enforcement associated with the centralized
 integrated data repository and data analytics resources
 initiative and make recommendations regarding the development of
 a statewide threat assessment database. The database must allow
 authorized public school personnel to enter information related
 to any threat assessment conducted at their respective schools

using the instrument developed by the office pursuant to subsection (13) (12), and must provide such information to authorized personnel in each school district and public school and to appropriate stakeholders. By December 31, 2019, the workgroup shall provide a report to the office with recommendations that include, but need not be limited to:

- (a) Threat assessment data that should be required to be entered into the database.
- (b) School district and public school personnel who should be allowed to input student records to the database and view such records.
- (c) Database design and functionality, to include data security.
- (d) Restrictions and authorities on information sharing, including:
 - 1. Section 1002.22 and other applicable state laws.
- 2. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g, 42 C.F.R. part 2; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. s. 1320d6, 45 C.F.R. part 164, subpart E; and other applicable federal laws.
- 3. The appropriateness of interagency agreements that will allow law enforcement to view database records.
- (e) The cost to develop and maintain a statewide online database.

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(f) An implementation plan and timeline for the workgroup recommendations.

Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 1001.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.10 Commissioner of Education; general powers and duties.—

- (9) The commissioner shall review the report of the School Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup regarding hardening and harm mitigation strategies and recommendations submitted by the Office of Safe Schools, pursuant to s. 1001.212(12) s. 1001.212(11). By September 1, 2020, the commissioner shall submit a summary of such recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1006.1493, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 1006.1493 Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.-
- (2) The FSSAT must help school officials identify threats, vulnerabilities, and appropriate safety controls for the schools that they supervise, pursuant to the security risk assessment requirements of s. 1006.07(6).
- (a) At a minimum, the FSSAT must address all of the following components:
 - 1. School emergency and crisis preparedness planning;
 - 2. Security, crime, and violence prevention policies and

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- 3. Physical security measures;
- 4. Professional development training needs;
- 5. An examination of support service roles in school safety, security, and emergency planning;
- 6. School security and school police staffing, operational practices, and related services;
 - 7. School and community collaboration on school safety; and
 - 8. A return on investment analysis of the recommended physical security controls.
 - (b) The department shall require by contract that the security consulting firm:
 - 1. Generate written automated reports on assessment findings for review by the department and school and district officials;
 - 2. Provide training to the department and school officials in the use of the FSSAT and other areas of importance identified by the department;
 - 3. Advise in the development and implementation of templates, formats, guidance, and other resources necessary to facilitate the implementation of this section at state, district, school, and local levels; and
 - 4. Review recommendations of the School Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup established under s. 1001.212(12) s.

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126 1001.212(11) to address physical security measures identified by the FSSAT.

Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

- shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat assessment teams at each school whose duties include the coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or students consistent with the model policies developed by the Office of Safe Schools. Such policies must include procedures for referrals to mental health services identified by the school district pursuant to s. 1012.584(4), when appropriate, and procedures for behavioral threat assessments in compliance with the instrument developed pursuant to s. 1001.212(13) s. 1001.212(12).
- (a) A threat assessment team shall include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and law enforcement. The threat assessment teams shall identify

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members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self. Upon the availability of the behavioral threat assessment instrument developed pursuant to $\underline{s.\ 1001.212(13)}\ \underline{s.\ 1001.212(12)}$, the threat assessment team shall use that instrument.

- (b) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its determination to the superintendent or his or her designee. The superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude school district personnel from acting immediately to address an imminent threat.
- (c) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat assessment team that a student poses a threat of violence to himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly disruptive behavior or need for assistance, authorized members of the threat assessment team may obtain criminal history record information pursuant to s. 985.04(1). A member of a threat assessment team may not disclose any criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which such

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- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state and local agencies and programs that provide services to students experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or a mental illness, including the school districts, school personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Education, the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, and any service or support provider contracting with such agencies, may share with each other records or information that are confidential or exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 if the records or information are reasonably necessary to ensure access to appropriate services for the student or to ensure the safety of the student or others. All such state and local agencies and programs shall communicate, collaborate, and coordinate efforts to serve such students.
- (e) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow policies established by the threat assessment team to engage behavioral health crisis resources. Behavioral health crisis resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and

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refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to the threat assessment team, which shall contact the other agencies involved with the student and any known service providers to share information and coordinate any necessary followup actions. Upon the student's transfer to a different school, the threat assessment team shall verify that any intervention services provided to the student remain in place until the threat assessment team of the receiving school independently determines the need for intervention services.

(f) Each threat assessment team established pursuant to this subsection shall report quantitative data on its activities to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with guidance from the office and shall utilize the threat assessment database developed pursuant to $\underline{s.\ 1001.212(14)}\ \underline{s.\ 1001.212(13)}$ upon the availability of the database.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.