

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school protocols during a COVID-19
 3 state of emergency; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.;
 4 requiring a district school board to adopt specified
 5 policies during a certain declared state of emergency;
 6 providing requirements for such policies; amending s.
 7 1008.22, F.S.; requiring that all statewide,
 8 standardized assessments be waived during a certain
 9 declared state of emergency; providing an effective
 10 date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (28) of section 1001.42, Florida
 15 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (29), and a new subsection
 16 (28) is added to that section to read:

17 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
 18 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
 19 powers and perform all duties listed below:

20 (28) SCHOOL SAFETY DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.—
 21 Notwithstanding s. 252.36(5) (a), during a state of emergency
 22 declared pursuant to s. 252.36(2) related to COVID-19, adopt
 23 policies to ensure that all schools providing in-person
 24 instruction follow all health and safety protocols. Such
 25 policies must be assessed for improvement if infections continue

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26 | to occur, infection rates rise, or more than one death is linked
27 | to an infection acquired from in-person instruction.

28 | Section 2. Subsection (13) of section 1008.22, Florida
29 | Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (14), and a new subsection
30 | (13) is added to that section to read:

31 | 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.—

32 | (13) Notwithstanding s. 252.36(5)(a), all statewide,
33 | standardized assessments under this section shall be waived
34 | during a state of emergency declared pursuant to s. 252.36(2)
35 | related to COVID-19.

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