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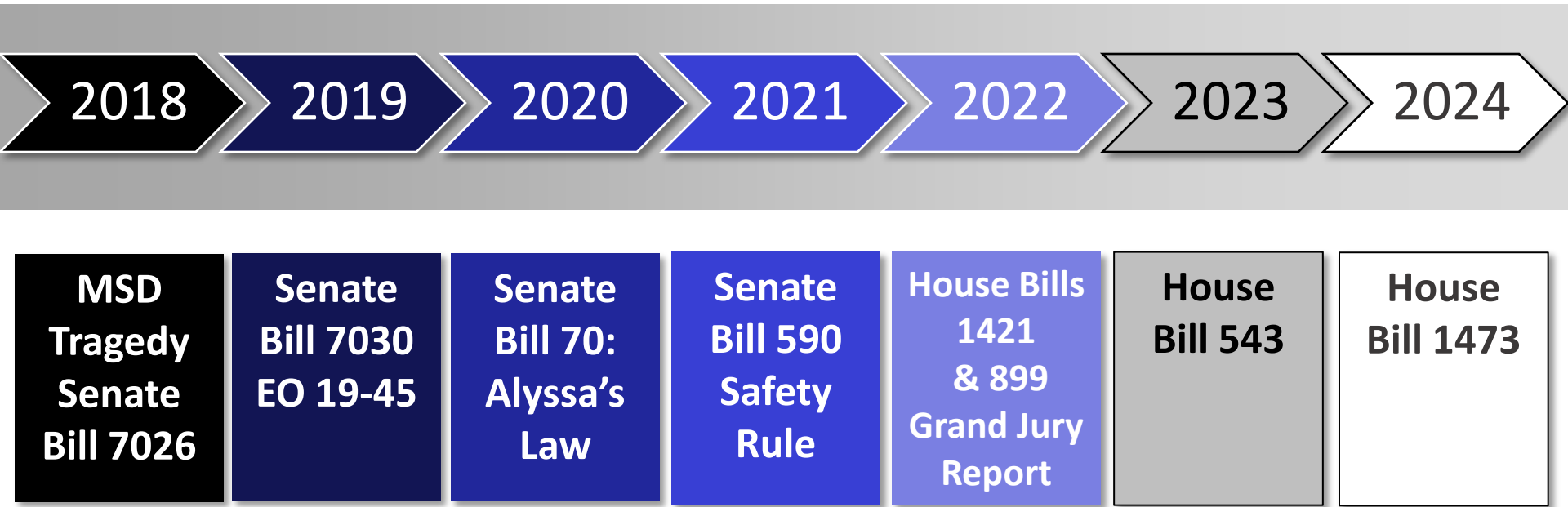
# House Bill 1473: School Safety

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# Florida School Safety: Seven Years of Progress



# HB 1473 – School Safety: Guardian Program

## *Section 30.15, Florida Statutes*

- Former law enforcement officers can serve as Guardians
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) will maintain data related to school Guardians
- FDOE will provide FDLE records of safe-school officers who have been disciplined, dismissed or that have discharged their firearm



# HB 1473 – School Safety: Safe-School Officers

## *Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes*

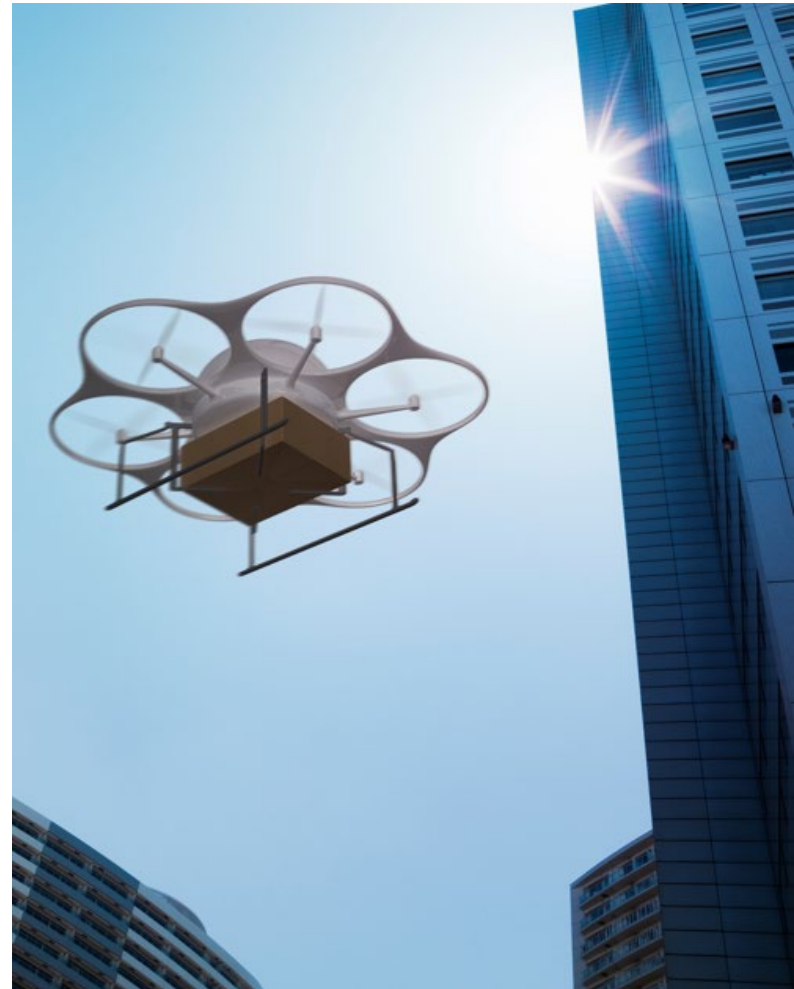
- Agreements between a school board and a law enforcement agency must include the responsibility for maintaining school resource officer training records
- Before appointing a school guardian, the district or charter school must contact FDLE and review all relevant information on the guardian candidate

# HB 1473 – School Safety: Drones

## *Section 330.415, Florida Statutes*

A person may not knowingly or willfully:

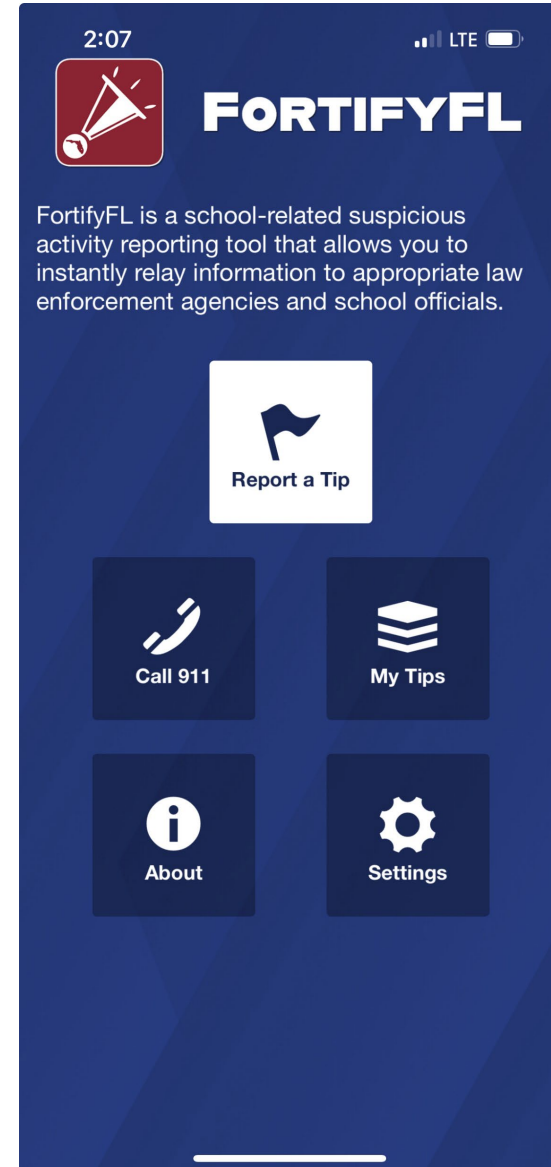
- Operate a drone over a public or private PK-12 school, or
- Allow a drone to make contact with a school, or any person or object on campus



# HB 1473 – School Safety: FortifyFL

## *Section 943.082, Florida Statutes*

Each district school board and charter school governing board must ensure that **instruction on the use of the FortifyFL** is provided to students within the first 5 days of each school year





# HB 1473 – School Safety: Student in Custody

## *Section 985.04, Florida Statutes*

If a dual enrolled student is taken into custody for certain serious offenses, the superintendent or designee must **notify the police chief or safety director of the postsecondary institution within 1 business day**



# HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools

## *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

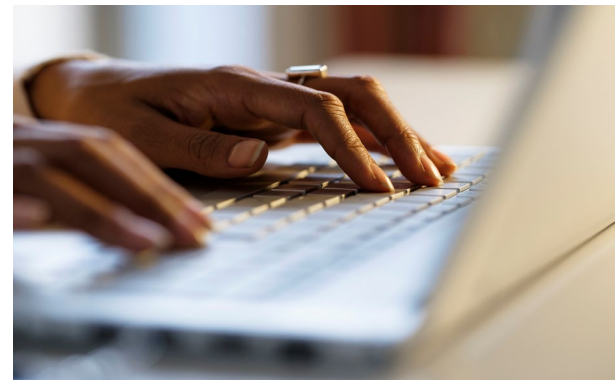
- By August 1, 2024, OSS must develop and adopt a Florida school safety compliance inspection report
- OSS will conduct triennial, unannounced inspections of all public and public charter schools while school is in session
- OSS will investigate reports of noncompliance with school safety requirements



# HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools

## *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

- OSS has 3 days post-inspection to provide the report to certain district and school staff; recipients have 1 school day to acknowledge receipt
- The school safety specialist, charter school administrator or designee has 3 days to provide OSS notice of how noncompliance has been remediated



# HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools

## *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

- OSS must provide quarterly reports to superintendents and school safety specialists with data on which schools were inspected and which had no school safety requirement deficiencies
- Additionally, the school safety specialist must report quarterly to the superintendent and school board on any noncompliance with school safety laws or rules



# HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools

## *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

- OSS will provide bonuses to the school principal or charter school administrator of each school that complies with all school safety requirements
- The Office must also refer any staff to the superintendent or charter school administrator for disciplinary action if they knowingly violate the new access control requirements in this legislation
- Annually, OSS must notify all administrative and instructional personnel via email of these new access control requirements

# **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

## *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

New access control requirements:

- All gates and other campus access points must remain closed and locked when students are on campus
- Exceptions are limited to placing an attendant at an open gate while students are on campus; a shared use agreement pursuant to s. 1013.101; or the school safety specialist or designee documenting that the access point is not subject to this requirement based on other safety measures in place

# HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties

## *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

New access control requirements:

- Doors of school classrooms and other instructional spaces must be locked when occupied by students, except between classes
- If such a door must be left unlocked, the door must be actively staffed

# **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

## *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

New access control requirements:

- All campus access doors, gates and other access points shall remain closed and locked at all times
- Exceptions:
  - people are actively entering or exiting, or
  - the school safety specialist or designee has documented that the access point is not subject to the requirement based upon other safety measures



## **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

*Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

- All instructional spaces must have clearly marked safest areas for student sheltering
- Students must be notified of these areas within the first 10 days of the school year
- Where marking these areas is not feasible, the school safety specialist or designee must document that, and identify where students must shelter in an emergency

## **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

*Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

- Each school must maintain a record that is accessible on each campus or by request of OSS of all current school year and prior school year drills, including the names of law enforcement personnel present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.

# HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties

## *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

- Each district school board and charter school governing board must adopt a progressive discipline policy for personnel who knowingly violate school safety requirements



## 2024 Budget Bill Highlights – School Safety

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/5001/BillText/er/PDF>

- Safe School Allocation - \$290 million (\$40 million increase)
- District Threat Management Coordinator salary - \$5 million appropriation
  - \$55,000 (small districts)
  - \$60,000 (medium districts)
  - \$75,000 (large districts)
  - \$115,000 (very large districts)
- Canine Program - extension of unspent 2023 funds, plus \$3.3 million in recurring funds
- School Safety Inspection Bonus for principals - \$3.7 million
- School Hardening Grant program - \$42 million

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