FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION

DATE: November 13, 2026

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 3.0015, Campus Safety and Security

SUMMARY: During the 2026 session, the Florida Legislature passed postsecondary campus safety legislation, HB 757, which the Governor approved on May 15, 2026. The legislation establishes several provisions intended to equip postsecondary institutions with the tools and resources needed to enhance campus safety for students, faculty, and staff at Florida's public postsecondary institutions.

The Board of Governors is required to adopt a regulation to implement the provisions of HB 757. Board staff propose a new regulation, Regulation 3.0015, Campus Safety and Security. The proposed regulation establishes operational definitions of key terms and provides additional detail for consistent implementation Systemwide. The proposed regulation outlines implementation requirements for suspicious activity reporting tools, response plans, student mental health, and security risk assessments. The proposed regulation establishes a framework for behavioral threat assessment and a process to facilitate the transfer of educational records between public institutions in the State of Florida.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. I, Fla. Const.; Sections 943.082, 1003.25, 1006.601, Florida Statutes; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Emily Sikes, Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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3.0015 Campus Safety and Security

(1) State universities must prioritize the safety and security of all students, faculty, and staff at the institution. General campus safety information should be provided in conspicuous locations at the university and on the university's public-facing website.

(2) Definitions:

(a) "Behavioral threat assessment and management" is an evidence-based, systematic process used to identify, inquire into, assess, and manage behaviors or circumstances that may pose a threat to campus safety. The process provides the framework for threat management teams to evaluate factual reports of concerning behavior and determine appropriate management strategies.

(b) "Security Risk Assessment" is the process of assessing a campus or physical site to identify threats, vulnerabilities, and appropriate safety controls with the intent of increasing overall campus safety. For the purposes of this regulation, "campus" includes the sites in Board of Governors Regulation 8.009, Educational Locations, (1)(a),(b),(c), and (e).

(c) "Public safety reporting application" or "suspicious activity reporting tool" is an electronic instrument that is widely distributed using a variety of media across the institution, which allows any individual, including guests and visitors, to report concerning behaviors or situations regarding students, faculty, staff, or other individuals as defined by university policy.

(d) "Education Records" means records that are directly related to a student and that are maintained by an educational agency or institution as defined in 20 U.S.C. section 1232g(a)(4) and section 1006.52, Florida Statutes.

(e) "Public Safety Agency" is defined as provided in section 365.171(3)(d), Florida Statutes.

(f) "Certified Guardian" or "School Guardian" is defined as provided in section 1006.12(3), Florida Statutes.

(g) "Enrollment" or "enrolled" for purposes of this regulation means when the student registers for one or more credit-bearing courses approved by the university.

(3) The Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program (School Guardian Program):

(a) State universities are authorized to participate in the School Guardian Program pursuant to section 30.15, Florida Statutes. If a university

participates in the School Guardian Program, the institution must adopt policies to implement the program and notify the Chancellor.

(b) University presidents may approve employees of the university to serve as a school guardian upon satisfactory completion of the requirements under section 30.15, Florida Statutes, and certification by a sheriff.

(c) Universities must maintain records of certified guardians as part of the university's emergency response plan pursuant to section 1004.0962, Florida Statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, documentation of appointment, certification, annual qualification, and separation.

(d) Universities that participate must follow the reporting requirements of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

(4) Mobile Suspicious Activity Tool.

(a) Universities must adopt and promote a public safety reporting application or a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool.

(b) The application or tool must be promoted on the institution's website; installed on all mobile devices issued by the university for use by students, faculty, and staff; and bookmarked on all computer devices and laptops maintained by the institution.

(5) Response Plans.

(a) Each state university must adopt response plans as identified in section 1006.601(4)(a), Florida Statutes. Such plans may be maintained as a standalone document or incorporated into existing emergency management plans, annexes, or supporting procedures, provided the applicable documents collectively satisfy the requirements of this regulation and section 1006.601, Florida Statutes.

(b) Universities must develop emergency notification procedures that at a minimum describe methods for issuing emergency notifications to the campus community.

(c) Each state university must adopt an active assailant response plan.

1. At a minimum, this plan should include methods for issuing emergency notifications pursuant to 20 U.S.C. section 1092(f) and identify all personnel who are authorized to issue such notifications.
2. The university must annually certify that all faculty, staff, and enrolled students annually complete an active assailant preparedness training appropriate for their role. the certification for the previous academic year must be submitted annually to the Board office by September 1st.

(d) Universities must develop policies and procedures pursuant to section 1006.601, Florida Statutes, to support students, faculty, and staff who are victims of an incident constituting an act of violence, attempted act of violence, or a credible threat as defined in section 784.048, Florida Statutes.

(e) Universities must adopt and annually review a family reunification plan pursuant to section 1006.601, Florida Statutes. At a minimum, this plan will outline how the institution will provide support, information, and resources to reunite students and employees with their families in the case of an event that causes the institution to be closed or evacuated unexpectedly due to a natural or manmade disaster.

(f) Each state university must adopt a communication plan, and the plan must be annually reviewed it. At a minimum, the communication plan should address the following:

1. Internal and external reporting protocols, including notification of campus security, local law enforcement, and the Chancellor when appropriate.

2. Protocols for providing timely updates to the campus community.

3. Designation of individuals responsible for speaking on behalf of the university for both internal and external communications.

(6) Campus Security Risk Assessment.

(a) Universities must maintain records of campus security risk assessments as part of the university's emergency response plan pursuant to section 1004.0962, Florida Statutes.

(b) Each state university must conduct an annual university-wide campus security risk assessment, as defined in 2(b) of this regulation, in collaboration with appropriate public safety agencies by October 1st.

(c) Each university shall use a campus risk assessment framework that includes the SUS Campus Security Risk Assessment Criteria approved by the Board of Governors.

(7) Student Mental Health Support.

(a) Universities must provide training to all faculty and those staff who have direct contact with students to detect and respond to students with mental health issues. The training must include ways to connect students with appropriate on-campus and community-based support and crisis intervention services.

(b) Each university must provide students with information regarding mental health awareness and suicide prevention that identifies ways to access the help and support services available. The information must be physically posted in conspicuous locations at each institution and must also be

published on the university's website pursuant to the requirements of section 1006.601, Florida Statutes.

(8) Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management.

(a) Universities must establish threat assessment and management teams whose duties include the coordination of resources, assessment, and intervention for students whose behavior may indicate a threat to the safety of the institution, staff, or students.

1. The procedure and membership shall be determined by university policy. At a minimum, the membership should include representation from student affairs, public safety, counseling and psychological services, and general counsel.

2. All assigned members of the teams, and those responsible for the initial review and triage of reported concerns and threats, must complete annual training appropriate to their assigned roles and responsibilities, as determined by university policy. Such training should address the best practices, assessment and management of behavioral threats, a review of the Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Model, and a review of the university's established procedures for responding to reported concerns.

(b) Universities must establish Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management procedures and instruments for use by threat assessment and management teams and relevant personnel to support the intake, triage, referral, and documentation of reports involving concerning behavior.

(c) Each university shall use a threat assessment framework that includes the SUS Behavioral Threat Assessment Criteria approved by the Board of Governors.

(d) Each university shall use the threat level scale approved by the Board of Governors.

(9) Review, Retention, and Transfer of Records:

(a) Universities are expected to facilitate the transfer of threat assessment records between institutions in accordance with section 1006.601, Florida Statutes.

(b) Review of incoming Florida public K-12 student records: Upon receiving the K-12 electronic transcript with the threat assessment indicator, the university must obtain any applicable threat assessment records from the school district. Once these records are received, the university must follow the process it uses to review reports of students of concern. Universities are not responsible for maintaining copies of K-12 threat management records, unless these records become incorporated into a threat management assessment at the university.

(c) Review of Florida College System or SUS student records for transfer students: Upon receiving a report that a transfer student has a threat assessment record, the university must follow the process it uses to review reports of students of concern.

(d) Transfer of records to Florida College System or SUS institutions: The university must provide any threat assessment pursuant to section 1003.25, Florida Statutes, to the receiving public institution upon request within 5 business days of the request.

(e) Universities are required to maintain threat assessment records, pursuant to section 1003.25, Florida Statutes, for currently enrolled students pursuant to the provisions of this regulation and all applicable federal laws and Florida Statutes.

(f) Universities must have procedures to implement paragraph (9) of this regulation consistent with Florida Statutes and Board of Governors Regulations. At a minimum, these should include:

1. The secure receipt, handling, access, retention, transfer, and disclosure of educational records consistent with applicable federal laws and Florida Statutes.
2. A process by which the records are requested upon enrollment of the students.
3. A process for review of the records consistent with the process used for reviewing reports of students of concern.

(10) Universities must adopt regulations, policies, and procedures to implement the provisions of this regulation.

(11) The Chancellor may request additional information to determine compliance with the provisions of this regulation as needed.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. I, Fla. Const.; Sections 943.082, 1003.25, 1006.601, Florida Statutes; History: New XX-XX-26