

CHAPTER 2010-203

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 206

An act relating to district school board policies and procedures; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing legislative intent to recognize student academic achievement; encouraging each district school board to adopt policies and procedures that provide for an annual “Academic Scholarship Signing Day”; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (14) is added to section 1001.43, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(14) RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.—

(a) The Legislature recognizes the importance of promoting student academic achievement, motivating students to attain academic achievement, and providing positive acknowledgment for that achievement. It is the intent of the Legislature that school districts bestow the same level of recognition to the state’s academic scholars as to its athletic scholars.

(b) The district school board is encouraged to adopt policies and procedures to provide for a student “Academic Scholarship Signing Day” by declaring the third Tuesday in April each year as “Academic Scholarship Signing Day.” The “Academic Scholarship Signing Day” shall recognize the outstanding academic achievement of high school seniors who sign a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship offered to the student by a postsecondary educational institution. District school board policies and procedures may include, but need not be limited to, conducting assemblies or other appropriate public events in which students offered academic scholarships assemble and sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting those scholarships. The district school board may encourage holding such events in an assembly or gathering of the entire student body as a means of making academic success and recognition visible to all students.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor June 4, 2010.

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