

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to meetings of district school boards;
 3 amending s. 1001.372, F.S.; requiring district school
 4 boards to convene at least one regular meeting during
 5 the evening hours each quarter during the school year
 6 and to establish written criteria for convening such a
 7 meeting; providing that a district school board is
 8 deemed to be in compliance under certain
 9 circumstances; revising requirements for calling a
 10 special meeting; providing an effective 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 (1) of section 1001.372, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1001.372 District school board meetings.—

17 (1) REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.—

18 (a) The district school board shall hold at least not less
 19 ~~than~~ one regular meeting each month for the transaction of
 20 business according to a schedule arranged by the district school
 21 board. The board shall convene at least one regular meeting
 22 during the evening hours each quarter during the school year and
 23 shall establish written criteria for deciding when to convene
 24 the required evening meetings. A district school board is deemed
 25 to be in compliance with this paragraph if it maintains, and
 26 operates in accordance with, a policy that requires the portion
 27 of a regular meeting which is open to public comment to begin no
 28 earlier than 4:30 p.m.

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29 (b) The district school board ~~and~~ shall convene in a
30 special meeting ~~sessions~~ when called by the district school
31 superintendent or by the district school superintendent on
32 request of the chair of the district school board, or on request
33 of a majority of the members of the district school board. An
34 ~~action;~~ ~~provided that actions~~ taken at a special meeting ~~has~~
35 ~~meetings shall have~~ the same force and effect as if taken at a
36 regular meeting, and; ~~and provided further that in the event the~~
37 ~~district school superintendent should fail to call a special~~
38 ~~meeting when requested to do so, as prescribed herein, such a~~
39 ~~meeting may be called by the chair of the district school board~~
40 ~~or by a majority of the members of the district school board by~~
41 ~~giving 2 days' written notice of the time and purpose of the~~
42 ~~meeting to all members and to the district school~~
43 ~~superintendent, in which event the minutes of the meeting~~ must
44 ~~shall~~ set forth the facts regarding the procedure in calling the
45 meeting and the reason the meeting was called. The minutes must
46 ~~therefor and shall~~ be signed ~~either~~ by the chair or by a
47 majority of the members of the district school board.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.