

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Youth Conflict Resolution and  
 3           Peer Mediation Pilot Program; creating the Youth  
 4           Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pilot Program  
 5           within the Community School Grant Program for a  
 6           specified period; providing the purpose of the pilot  
 7           program; requiring the Center for Community Schools at  
 8           the University of Central Florida to implement the  
 9           pilot program and a specified curriculum; providing  
 10          center responsibilities for the pilot program;  
 11          requiring the center to work with the Department of  
 12          Education to identify a curriculum for the pilot  
 13          program; providing participating school  
 14          responsibilities; requiring the center to provide a  
 15          report to the department; providing requirements for  
 16          the report; providing for the future expiration of the  
 17          pilot program; providing an effective date.

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

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 21           **Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 1003.64,**  
 22 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

23           1003.64 Community School Grant Program.—It is the intent  
 24           of the Legislature to improve student success and well-being by  
 25           engaging and supporting parents and community organizations in

26 | their efforts to positively impact student learning and  
27 | development.

28 |       (5) YOUTH CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION PILOT  
29 | PROGRAM.—No later than the 2026-2027 school year, the center  
30 | shall administer the Youth Conflict Resolution and Peer  
31 | Mediation Pilot Program for a period of 3 school years. The  
32 | center shall implement a conflict resolution and peer mediation  
33 | curriculum to reduce juvenile violence by equipping students  
34 | with essential skills for peaceful conflict resolution. The  
35 | center shall:

36 |       (a) Seek input from the Department of Education on the  
37 | selection of a conflict resolution and peer mediation curriculum  
38 | to implement at each selected school and identify potential ways  
39 | to integrate the curriculum during the school day to maximize  
40 | exposure to and use of conflict resolution skills.

41 |       (b) Identify middle or high schools to participate in the  
42 | program. Priority shall be given to schools with a high rate of  
43 | juvenile violence and community partners who will assist with  
44 | implementation.

45 |       (c) Require each participating school to:

46 |       1. Provide training on the curriculum and, where possible,  
47 | include community partners who interact with the students at the  
48 | school in such training.

49 |       2. Provide students with skills to resolve conflicts at  
50 | school and away from school without undermining the school's

- 51 existing disciplinary framework.
- 52 3. Provide data and information requested by the center.
- 53 4. Complete a pre-pilot program and post-pilot program  
54 survey created by the center.
- 55 (d) Monitor the implementation of the pilot program and  
56 assist participating schools with integrating the curriculum and  
57 reinforcing the conflict resolution skills throughout the school  
58 day.
- 59 (e) Collect relevant student discipline data and  
60 information relating to the rates of juvenile violence in  
61 selected schools before and after implementation of the pilot  
62 program.
- 63 (f) Create a pre-pilot program and post-pilot program  
64 survey that must be completed by the school administrators,  
65 teachers, and parents at participating schools.
- 66 (g) Provide periodic updates to the department on the  
67 implementation of the pilot program.
- 68 (h) Upon completion of the pilot program, provide a report  
69 to the department. The report must include, at a minimum, the  
70 following:
- 71 1. The number of students enrolled at the participating  
72 schools.
- 73 2. The rates of student discipline and juvenile violence  
74 in selected schools before the pilot program.
- 75 3. The rates of student discipline and juvenile violence

76 | in selected schools after implementation of the pilot program.

77 | 4. The results from the pre-pilot program and post-pilot  
 78 | program survey.

79 | 5. Recommendations for the inclusion of the curriculum at  
 80 | middle and high schools across the state.

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82 | This subsection expires upon the submission of the report  
 83 | required under paragraph (h).

84 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.