

Details regarding [S 7026](#) – Public Safety

Allocates \$400 million to instigate the program including -

- \$70.1 million for mental health assistance (to DOE)
- \$67.3 million for sheriff offices to launch school guardian programs;
- \$98.6 million to “harden” school facilities;
- \$18.3 million for mobile crisis teams (to Dept of Children & Families);

Regarding Firearm Safety

- It increases the age from 18 to 21 to purchase a firearm;
- It imposes new restrictions on dealers, importers, manufacturers concerning sales, transfer firearms.....
- It forbids “bump-stocks” from being imported, transferred, distributed, sold.... within the state.
- requires a 3-day waiting period/background check when a firearm is purchased except for concealed weapons permit holders, Fla hunting license holders or individuals completing hunter safety course, and law enforcement officers or military service members;

Regarding Mental Health

- it allows law enforcement to remove and hold a firearm or ammunition from an individual taken under the Baker Act for examination for 24 hours;
- it allows law enforcement to request a court to for the time being withhold firearms from high risk individuals due to vicious behavior;
- it forbids anyone committed to a mental institution or judged mentally defective from having access to a firearm;

Regarding School Safety

- It organizes the Office of Safe Schools in the Dept of Education (DOE) as a central source for best practices concerning school safety/ security;
- It authorizes each county sheriff to start a “marshall program” whereby school districts could “opt in” a guardian program if it is available in their county (it's dependent on the school district and the sheriff to determine if it participates in the program)
- Each “guardian” must complete a 132 hour firearm safety program as well as psychological evaluation exam, pass drug test in addition to a diversity training course;
- Classroom teachers will NOT be part of this “guardian program” except for ROTC instructors or current military service members and law enforcement officers (the goal was to make sure that ‘classroom instructors’ cannot participate in the program);
- School boards/superintendents shall work with law enforcement to allocate one (or more) safe-school officers or school resource officer (SRO) at each school facility;
- Each district shall assign a district school safety specialist as their point of public contact;
- FDLE shall to secure a mobile app for students/the community to report threats anonymously;