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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school emergency  
3           preparedness; amending s. 230.23, F.S.;  
4           requiring district school boards to establish  
5           emergency preparedness procedures for certain  
6           life-threatening emergencies; amending s.  
7           232.465, F.S.; clarifying the requirement that  
8           procedures for life-threatening medical  
9           emergencies be adopted; amending s. 235.14,  
10          F.S.; requiring each district school board to  
11          adopt emergency management and emergency  
12          preparedness procedures according to minimum  
13          standards and model procedures established by  
14          the Department of Education; providing  
15          guidelines for the minimum standards and model  
16          procedures adopted by the department; amending  
17          s. 381.0056, F.S.; requiring school health  
18          services plans to include provisions for  
19          infectious material exposure control; providing  
20          an effective date.

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

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24           Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of  
25   section 230.23, Florida Statutes, to read:

26           230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school  
27   board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and  
28   perform all duties listed below:

29           (6) CHILD WELFARE.--Provide for the proper accounting  
30   for all children of school age, for the attendance and control  
31   of pupils at school, and for proper attention to health,

1 safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of children  
2 in the following fields, as prescribed in chapter 232.

3 (f) Emergency management; emergency  
4 preparedness.--Establish emergency management and emergency  
5 preparedness procedures, in accordance with ss. 381.0056(5),  
6 232.465, and 232.475, to be followed by schools for the  
7 following life-threatening emergencies: weapon use/hostage  
8 situations; hazardous materials/toxic spills; weather  
9 emergencies, including hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe  
10 storms; and infectious materials exposure.

11 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 232.465, Florida  
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 232.465 Provision of medical services; restrictions.--

14 (4) Each district school board shall establish  
15 emergency procedures in accordance with s. 381.0056(5) for  
16 life-threatening medical emergencies.

17 Section 3. Section 235.14, Florida Statutes, is  
18 transferred, renumbered as section 232.475, Florida Statutes,  
19 and amended to read:

20 232.475 ~~235.14~~ Emergency management procedures;  
21 emergency preparedness drills.--

22 (1) The Department of Education shall adopt rules  
23 which prescribe minimum standards and model procedures for  
24 emergency management and emergency preparedness procedures to  
25 be adopted by each district school board which must:

26 (a) Require each school to conduct and document no  
27 fewer than 10 fire drills per school year.

28 (b) Require each school to conduct and document no  
29 fewer than 2 tornado drills per school year.

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1           (c) Establish model emergency management and emergency  
2 preparedness procedures for the following life-threatening  
3 emergencies:

- 4           1. Weapon use/hostage situations.
- 5           2. Hazardous materials/toxic spills.
- 6           3. Weather emergencies, including hurricanes,  
7 tornadoes, and severe storms.
- 8           4. Infectious materials exposure.

9           (2) Each district school ~~The~~ board shall formulate and  
10 adopt ~~prescribe~~ policies that prescribe emergency management  
11 procedures and procedures for emergency preparedness drills  
12 for each of the schools in the district ~~all the public schools~~  
13 ~~of the state~~ which comprises ~~comprise~~ grades K-12, according  
14 to minimum standards and model policies established by the  
15 department according to this section.

16           Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 381.0056, Florida  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18           381.0056 School health services program.--

19           (5) Each county health department shall develop,  
20 jointly with the district school board and the local school  
21 health advisory committee, a school health services plan,  
22 ~~which; and the plan~~ shall include, at a minimum, provisions  
23 for:

- 24           (a) Health appraisal;
- 25           (b) Records review;
- 26           (c) Nurse assessment;
- 27           (d) Nutrition assessment;
- 28           (e) A preventive dental program;
- 29           (f) Vision screening;
- 30           (g) Hearing screening;
- 31           (h) Scoliosis screening;

- 1 (i) Growth and development screening;  
2 (j) Health counseling;  
3 (k) Referral and followup of suspected or confirmed  
4 health problems by the local county health department;  
5 (l) Meeting emergency health needs in each school;  
6 (m) County health department personnel to assist  
7 school personnel in health education curriculum development;  
8 (n) Referral of students to appropriate health  
9 treatment, in cooperation with the private health community  
10 whenever possible;  
11 (o) Consultation with a student's parent or guardian  
12 regarding the need for health attention by the family  
13 physician, dentist, or other specialist when definitive  
14 diagnosis or treatment is indicated;  
15 (p) Maintenance of records on incidents of health  
16 problems, corrective measures taken, and such other  
17 information as may be needed to plan and evaluate health  
18 programs; except, however, that provisions in the plan for  
19 maintenance of health records of individual students must be  
20 in accordance with s. 228.093;  
21 (q) Health information which will be provided by the  
22 school health nurses, when necessary, regarding the placement  
23 of students in exceptional student programs and the  
24 reevaluation at periodic intervals of students placed in such  
25 programs; ~~and~~  
26 (r) Notification to the local nonpublic schools of the  
27 school health services program and the opportunity for  
28 representatives of the local nonpublic schools to participate  
29 in the development of the cooperative health services plan;  
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31 (s) Infectious material exposure control.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Requires district school boards to establish emergency preparedness procedures for certain life-threatening emergencies. Clarifies the requirement that procedures for life-threatening medical emergencies be adopted. Requires each district school board to adopt emergency management and emergency preparedness procedures according to minimum standards and model procedures established by the Department of Education. Provides guidelines for the minimum standards and model procedures adopted by the department. Requires school health services plans to include provisions for infectious material exposure control.