

By the Committee on Education and Senator Dawson

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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; providing  
17          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. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of  
22 section 230.23, Florida Statutes, to read:

23           230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school  
24 board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and  
25 perform all duties listed below:

26           (6) CHILD WELFARE.--Provide for the proper accounting  
27 for all children of school age, for the attendance and control  
28 of pupils at school, and for proper attention to health,  
29 safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of children  
30 in the following fields, as prescribed in chapter 232.

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

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

11           232.465 Provision of medical services; restrictions.--

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

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

18           232.475 ~~235.14~~ Emergency management procedures;  
19 emergency preparedness drills.--

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

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

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

28           (c) Establish model emergency management and emergency  
29 preparedness procedures for the following life-threatening  
30 emergencies:

31           1. Weapon use/hostage situations.

