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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 the Department of Education to adopt  
5           rules for emergency drills which must be  
6           followed by each district school board;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section  
12 230.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school  
14 board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and  
15 perform all duties listed below:

16           (6) CHILD WELFARE.--Provide for the proper accounting  
17 for all children of school age, for the attendance and control  
18 of pupils at school, and for proper attention to health,  
19 safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of children  
20 in the following fields, as prescribed in chapter 232.

21           (f) Emergency drills; emergency procedures.--

22           1. The district school board shall formulate and  
23 prescribe policies and procedures for emergency drills and for  
24 actual emergencies, including, but not limited to, fires,  
25 natural disasters, and bomb threats, for all the public  
26 schools of the district which comprise grades K-12. District  
27 policies shall include commonly used alarm system responses  
28 for specific types of emergencies and verification by each  
29 school that drills have been provided as required by law and  
30 fire protection codes.

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1           2. The district school board shall establish model  
2 emergency management and emergency preparedness procedures for  
3 the following life-threatening emergencies:

- 4           a. Weapon-use and hostage situations.
- 5           b. Hazardous materials or toxic chemical spills.
- 6           c. Weather emergencies, including hurricanes,  
7 tornadoes, and severe storms.
- 8           d. Exposure as a result of a manmade emergency.

9           3. The Department of Education shall adopt rules for  
10 emergency drills which must be followed by each district  
11 school board. The rules must require each school to conduct  
12 and document at least 10 fire drills per school year and at  
13 least 2 tornado drills per school year.

14           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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17           SENATE SUMMARY

18           Requires the Department of Education to adopt rules for  
19 emergency drills which must be followed by each district  
20 school board and must provide for a minimum of 10 fire  
21 drills and 2 tornado drills per school year.