

By the Committee on Domestic Security; and Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to emergency preparedness; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising guidelines governing district school board duties relating to emergency management and emergency preparedness; providing requirements for the number and type of emergency drills that each school must conduct; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.07 District school board duties relating to student discipline and school safety.--The district school board shall provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the attendance and control of students at school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of students, including:

(4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.--

(a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures for emergency preparation and drill activities ~~drills~~ and for emergency response and management, including incidents or events resulting from violence, technological malfunction or human error, and natural disaster ~~actual emergencies,~~ ~~including, but not limited to, fires, natural disasters, and bomb threats~~, for all the public schools of the district which comprise grades K-12. District school board policies must ~~shall~~ include commonly used alarm system responses for specific types of emergencies ~~and verification by each school~~

1 ~~that drills have been provided as required by law and fire~~
2 ~~protection codes. Each school shall conduct and document at~~
3 ~~least 10 emergency drills per school year, at least five of~~
4 ~~which must be emergency egress drills, at least one of which~~
5 ~~must be an accidental or intentional hazardous material~~
6 ~~release drill, and at least two of which must be tornado~~
7 ~~drills. The focus of the two remaining emergency drills shall~~
8 ~~be at the discretion of each school.~~

9 (b) The district school board shall establish model
10 emergency management and emergency preparedness procedures for
11 the following life-threatening emergencies:

12 1. Manmade emergencies, including fires, bomb threats,
13 and weapon-use and hostage situations.

14 2. Technological emergencies, including radiological,
15 hazardous materials, or toxic chemical releases ~~spills~~.

16 3. Weather emergencies, including hurricanes,
17 tornadoes, and severe storms.

18 4. ~~Exposure as a result of a manmade emergency.~~

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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21 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
23 Senate Bill 1228

24 The bill amends s. 1006.07(4), F.S., to revise district school
25 board responsibilities to include emergency preparation and
26 including incidents or events resulting from violence,
27 technological malfunction or human error, and natural
28 disaster.

29 The bill requires at least 10 emergency drills per school year
30 and specifies the types of drills that must be conducted and
31 documented by each school: Five emergency egress drills; one
accidental or intentional hazardous material release drill;
two tornado drills; and two drills at the discretion of each
school. In addition, the bill redefines the areas of
life-threatening emergencies for which the board must
establish model procedures to include manmade emergencies,
including fires and bomb threats and technological
emergencies, including radiological releases.