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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school emergency procedures;  
3           amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; defining and distinguishing  
4           emergency lockdown drills from emergency evacuation  
5           drills; requiring that emergency lockdown drills be  
6           conducted at least as often as emergency evacuation  
7           drills; encouraging local law enforcement officers or  
8           fire officials to participate in and to review at  
9           least one emergency lockdown drill at each school each  
10          year; requiring a designated staff member to submit an  
11          after-drill report to the school district after an  
12          emergency drill; providing requirements for the after-  
13          drill report; requiring that each school annually  
14          review and revise its safety policies and procedures  
15          as needed; providing an effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 1006.07,  
20           Florida Statutes, are reordered and amended, and subsection (6)  
21           of that section is amended, to read:

22           1006.07 District school board duties relating to student  
23           discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
24           provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
25           attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
26           attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
27           welfare of students, including:

28           (5)~~(4)~~ EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

29           (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures for

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30 emergency lockdown drills and emergency evacuation drills for  
31 actual emergencies, including, but not limited to, fires,  
32 natural disasters, and bomb threats, for all the public schools  
33 of the district which comprise grades K-12. District school  
34 board policies must ~~shall~~ include commonly used alarm system  
35 responses for specific types of emergencies and verification by  
36 each school that drills have been provided as required by law  
37 and fire protection codes. As used in this paragraph, the term  
38 "evacuation drill" means an activity in which students and  
39 faculty practice the safest and quickest way to evacuate a  
40 school facility in case of an emergency in which evacuation is  
41 generally the safest option, such as in the case of a fire. As  
42 used in this paragraph, the term "lockdown drill" means an  
43 activity in which students and faculty practice securing a  
44 school facility or rooms within the facility in case of an  
45 emergency in which hiding from a hostile danger is generally  
46 deemed safer than evacuating the building, such as in the case  
47 of a tornado or the presence of an armed person who is  
48 threatening the safety of the students or employees of a school.

49 1. The policies and procedures must require that emergency  
50 lockdown drills be conducted at least as often as emergency  
51 evacuation drills. This subparagraph does not require an  
52 increase in the total number of emergency drills conducted at a  
53 school each year.

54 2. Local law enforcement officers or fire officials are  
55 encouraged to participate in, and to review, at least one  
56 emergency lockdown drill at each school each year. After a  
57 drill, participating law enforcement officers or fire officials  
58 are encouraged to submit recommendations to the school on how it

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59 can improve its safety procedures in case of an emergency  
 60 lockdown.

61 3. Each school shall designate the principal or a member of  
 62 its staff as the person responsible for overseeing a school's  
 63 emergency drills. Before an emergency drill is conducted, the  
 64 designated staff member shall review the appropriate, most  
 65 recent after-drill report required under subparagraph 4.

66 4. After a drill is completed, the designated staff member  
 67 shall electronically submit to the school district, in a format  
 68 prescribed by the department, an after-drill report that details  
 69 the specific drill that was conducted. Such report must include  
 70 positive observations and recommendations for improvement  
 71 offered by the school or participating law enforcement officers  
 72 or fire officials, if any.

73 ~~(b) The district school board shall~~ Establish model  
 74 emergency management and emergency preparedness procedures for  
 75 the following life-threatening emergencies:

- 76 1. Weapon-use and hostage situations.
- 77 2. Hazardous materials or toxic chemical spills.
- 78 3. Weather emergencies, including hurricanes, tornadoes,  
 79 and severe storms.
- 80 4. Exposure as a result of a manmade emergency.

81 ~~(4) (5) EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN DETENTION FACILITIES.~~ Offer  
 82 educational services to minors who have not graduated from high  
 83 school and eligible students with disabilities under the age of  
 84 22 who have not graduated with a standard diploma or its  
 85 equivalent who are detained in a county or municipal detention  
 86 facility, as defined in s. 951.23. These educational services  
 87 must ~~shall~~ be based upon the estimated length of time the

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88 student will be in the facility and the student's current level  
89 of functioning. District school superintendents or their  
90 designees shall be notified by the county sheriff or chief  
91 correctional officer, or his or her designee, upon the  
92 assignment of a student under the age of 21 to the facility. A  
93 cooperative agreement with the district school board and  
94 applicable law enforcement units shall be developed to address  
95 the notification requirement and the provision of educational  
96 services to these students.

97 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—

98 (a) Use the Safety and Security Best Practices developed by  
99 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
100 Accountability to conduct a self-assessment of the school  
101 districts' current safety and security practices. Based on these  
102 self-assessment findings, the district school superintendent  
103 shall provide recommendations to the district school board which  
104 identify strategies and activities that the district school  
105 board should implement in order to improve school safety and  
106 security. ~~Annually~~ Each district school board must annually  
107 receive the self-assessment results at a publicly noticed  
108 district school board meeting to provide the public an  
109 opportunity to hear the district school board members discuss  
110 and take action on the report findings. Each district school  
111 superintendent shall report the self-assessment results and  
112 school board action to the commissioner within 30 days after the  
113 district school board meeting.

114 (b) By July 1, 2014, and each year thereafter, review the  
115 Safety and Security Best Practices developed by the Office of  
116 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and revise

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117 its policies and procedures as needed. A school district may  
118 revise its policies and procedures regarding emergency drills  
119 without department approval.

120 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.