

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to emergency drills in public schools;  
3 amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising district school  
4 board duties relating to emergency drills for active  
5 shooter and hostage situations; revising the minimum  
6 number and maximum number of drills for active shooter  
7 and hostage situations required to be annually  
8 conducted; expanding requirements for district school  
9 policies relating to drills for active shooter and  
10 hostage situations; requiring district school boards  
11 to establish procedures to provide advanced  
12 notification of drills for active shooter and hostage  
13 situations to parents and to provide parents with an  
14 option to excuse their students from physical drills;  
15 providing that such procedures must allow for students  
16 to elect to remain on school premises during physical  
17 drills and remain excused from physical drills;  
18 providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
23 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is  
24 added to that subsection, to read:

25 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student

26 | discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall  
27 | provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the  
28 | attendance and control of students at school, and for proper  
29 | attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the  
30 | welfare of students, including:

31 | (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

32 | (a) Formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in  
33 | consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for  
34 | emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not  
35 | limited to, fires, natural disasters, active shooter and hostage  
36 | situations, and bomb threats, for all students and faculty at  
37 | all public schools of the district comprised of grades K-12.

38 | 1. Drills for active shooter and hostage situations shall  
39 | be conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and  
40 | age-appropriate procedures and may include, but not be limited  
41 | to, video trainings, reading materials, and options that are not  
42 | physical drills at least as often as other emergency drills.  
43 | However, physical drills for active shooter and hostage  
44 | situations shall be conducted at least four, but no more than  
45 | six, times each school year. Procedures relating to drills for  
46 | active shooter and hostage situations must be developed through  
47 | consultation with at least one mental health professional and be  
48 | consistent with the best practice considerations provided by the  
49 | National Association of School Psychologists.

50 | 2. District school board policies shall include commonly

51 used alarm system responses for specific types of emergencies  
52 and verification by each school that drills have been provided  
53 as required by law and fire protection codes. The emergency  
54 response policy shall identify the individuals responsible for  
55 contacting the primary emergency response agency and the  
56 emergency response agency that is responsible for notifying the  
57 school district for each type of emergency.

58 (d) Establish procedures to provide notification of drills  
59 for active shooter and hostage situations to a student's parent  
60 before a drill occurs and to provide the parent with the option  
61 to excuse his or her student from any physical drills that  
62 exceed the minimum number of physical drills required to be  
63 annually conducted as specified in subparagraph (a)1. The  
64 procedures must also allow a student whose parent has excused  
65 him or her from the physical drills to elect to remain on the  
66 school premises during a physical drill and remain excused from  
67 such physical drill.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.