

By the Committee on Infrastructure and Security; and Senator  
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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to emergency preparedness; creating s.  
3 943.688, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law  
4 Enforcement, in consultation with law enforcement  
5 agencies throughout the state, to establish a uniform  
6 statewide rule on preparing for and responding to  
7 active assailant situations; providing minimum rule  
8 requirements; requiring each law enforcement agency to  
9 adopt an active assailant policy or rule, as  
10 appropriate, by a specified date; requiring the  
11 department to adopt rules; creating s. 1006.121, F.S.;  
12 requiring certain district school boards to develop  
13 and execute specified interlocal agreements with  
14 certain law enforcement agencies, local fire  
15 departments, and local emergency medical services  
16 organizations for specified purposes; requiring the  
17 State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
18 State Fire Marshal and the department, to establish  
19 rules; providing a declaration of important state  
20 interest; providing effective dates.

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

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24 Section 1. Section 943.688, Florida Statutes, is created to  
25 read:

26 943.688 Statewide active assailant response planning.-  
27 (1) The department, in consultation with law enforcement  
28 agencies throughout the state and considering the unique needs  
29 of different geographic regions where those agencies are

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30 located, shall establish a uniform statewide rule on minimum  
31 standards and requirements for how each law enforcement agency  
32 in the state must prepare and respond to active assailant  
33 situations within their jurisdictions. At a minimum, the uniform  
34 statewide rule must address all of the following:

35 (a) Detailed procedures for how to respond to a report of  
36 an alleged active assailant.

37 (b) Detailed procedures for how communications and  
38 notifications will be handled with all affected parties and the  
39 media.

40 (c) Detailed procedures for who from the appropriate law  
41 enforcement agency will respond and how they will do so. This  
42 includes having a designated person and an alternate person who  
43 have been trained or certified on how to handle active assailant  
44 situations.

45 (d) Primary and alternate routes to potential targets  
46 within each law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.

47 (2) Each law enforcement agency in this state shall enact a  
48 policy or rule, as appropriate, on active assailant preparedness  
49 and response by no later than July 1, 2021. The policy or rule  
50 enacted must, at a minimum, include the uniform statewide rule  
51 that the department adopts under subsection (1).

52 (3) The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
53 section.

54 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2020, section 1006.121,  
55 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

56 1006.121 School district communication with first  
57 responders.-

58 (1) The district school board of any school district that

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59 has local law enforcement officers on school grounds pursuant to  
60 s. 1006.12 must develop and execute an interlocal agreement with  
61 the local sheriff's office or other local law enforcement  
62 agency, the local fire department, and the local emergency  
63 medical services organization to create, at a minimum, all of  
64 the following:

65 (a) Protocols to connect the school district to the  
66 appropriate dispatch centers pursuant to s. 365.179.

67 (b) Protocols for proper communication between law  
68 enforcement agencies, the local fire department, and the local  
69 emergency medical services organization and the school district.

70 (c) Protocols to share resources relating to mental health  
71 services.

72 (d) Protocols and requirements for joint recurrent training  
73 of local law enforcement officers assigned to a school and the  
74 law enforcement agency, the local fire department, and the local  
75 emergency medical services organization.

76 (e) Protocols and requirements for interoperable  
77 communication between the school district and the law  
78 enforcement agency, the local fire department, and the local  
79 emergency medical services organization.

80 (2) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
81 State Fire Marshal and the Department of Law Enforcement, shall  
82 adopt rules to administer this section.

83 Section 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this act  
84 fulfills an important state interest.

85 Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
86 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.