
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that school crisis management and response plans shall address natural disasters, increases the number of times a plan shall be reviewed each school year, and moves the plan rehearsal closer to the beginning of each school year.

Present law requires each public school principal to prepare a school crisis management and response plan with local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials. Defines such a plan as a plan to address school safety and the incidence of a shooting or other violence at schools, on school buses, and at school-related activities; to respond effectively to such incidents; and to ensure that every student, teacher, and school employee has access to a safe, secure, and orderly school that is conducive to learning. Requires that plans also address the management of any other emergency situation. Proposed law provides that other such situations shall include but not be limited to natural disasters.

Present law requires each public school principal, jointly with local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials, to review the plan at least once annually and shall revise the plan as necessary. Proposed law instead requires such review at least twice annually.

Present law requires principals to conduct a safety drill to rehearse the plan within the first 30 days of each school year. Proposed law instead requires this within the first 15 days of each school year.

Present law authorizes each public school governing authority to adopt rules and regulations to provide for present law implementation. Proposed law requires rather than authorizes the adoption of such rules and regulations.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.16(A)(1) and (2), (B)(1), (C)(1), and (D)(1))