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HOUSE BILL NO. 808

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SCHOOLS: Provides relative to school crisis management and response plans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16(A)(1) and (2), (B)(1), (C)(1), and (I)(1), relative to
3 school crisis management and response plans; to include natural disasters among the
4 emergencies a plan shall address; to provide relative to plan rehearsal; to provide
5 relative to plan review; to provide relative to rules and regulations; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16(A)(1) and (2), (B)(1), (C)(1), and (I)(1) are hereby
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §416.16. School crisis management and response plans

11 A.(1) For the purposes of this Section, a "crisis management and response
12 plan" means a plan to address school safety and the incidence of a shooting or other
13 violence at schools, on school buses, and at school-related activities; to respond
14 effectively to such incidents; and to ensure that every student, teacher, and school
15 employee has access to a safe, secure, and orderly school that is conducive to
16 learning. Such plans shall also address the management of any other emergency
17 situation, including but not limited to natural disasters.

18 (2) ~~A~~ Each public school principal shall prepare a school crisis management
19 and response plan ~~shall be prepared by each public school principal~~ jointly with local
20 law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials. In

1 preparing the plan, the principal and ~~such~~ the officials shall consider and include, if
2 appropriate, input from students enrolled in the school and their parents, teachers at
3 the school, other school employees, and community leaders.

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5 B.(1) Each public school principal, jointly with local law enforcement, fire,
6 public safety, and emergency preparedness officials, shall review the plan at least
7 ~~once~~ twice annually and shall revise the plan as necessary. In reviewing and revising
8 the plan, the principal and such officials shall consider and include input, if
9 appropriate, from students enrolled in the school and their parents, teachers at the
10 school, other school employees, and community leaders. Each principal shall submit
11 such plan in writing to the local school superintendent for approval at least once
12 annually, including upon each revision.

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14 C.(1) Within the first ~~thirty~~ fifteen days of each school year, each public
15 school principal shall conduct a safety drill to rehearse the components of the plan.
16 Not later than seven days after the drill, the principal shall submit a written report
17 summarizing the details of the drill to the local superintendent. The superintendent
18 may comment on the drill to the principal, who may consider such comments in
19 revising the plan.

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21 I.(1) The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary
22 school ~~may~~ shall adopt rules and regulations ~~as it deems necessary~~ to provide for the
23 implementation of the provisions of this Section.

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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))