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3 By Representative Baker
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1 "(a) (1) Each local board of education shall adopt a
2 comprehensive school safety plan for each school under the
3 authority of the board.

4 "(2) The local board or its agent shall examine the
5 conditions and operations of each school under the authority
6 of the local board to determine hazards to student and staff
7 safety and shall propose changes, if needed to promote the
8 prevention of dangerous problems and circumstances.

9 "(3) In developing the plan for each school, the
10 local board or its agent shall involve community law
11 ~~enforcement, safety community fire and emergency management~~
12 ~~officials, teachers, and nonteaching employees who are~~
13 enforcement, safety officials including community fire and
14 emergency management assigned to the school.

15 "(b) (1) The board shall incorporate into the plan
16 the following:

17 "a. A protocol for addressing serious threats to the
18 safety of school property, students, employees, or
19 administrators including, but not limited to, a specific code
20 red school safety plan.

21 "b. A protocol for responding to ~~any~~ emergency
22 events that compromise the safety of school property,
23 students, and employees.

24 "(2) Each protocol shall include procedures for
25 responding to threats and emergency events, respectively,
26 including such action as notification of appropriate law

1 enforcement and emergency response personnel for assistance,
2 and informing parents of affected students.

3 "(c) (1) The board shall update the safety plan
4 whenever a major modification to the building requires changes
5 in the procedures outlined in the plan, and at other necessary
6 times. The code red school safety plan shall be reviewed and
7 revised annually, as needed, by the local board of education
8 in consultation with the principal, administrative staff,
9 faculty, and employees of the school.

10 "(2) Upon request of law enforcement or safety
11 officials, or both, the local board shall provide a copy of
12 the current school site and safety plan, which shall be kept
13 in a secure place and not considered public record.

14 "(d) The local board shall grant access to each
15 school under its control to law enforcement and fire
16 department personnel to enable them to prepare for responding
17 to threats and emergency events affecting the school. Such
18 access shall occur outside of student instructional hours and
19 an employee of the board shall be present.

20 "(e) The principal or his or her designee shall
21 instruct and train students concerning procedures to be used
22 for emergency drills and evacuations. The principal or his or
23 her designee shall ensure that all safety and security drills
24 and procedures are conducted and performed no less than what
25 is required by state or federal law, or both. The doors and
26 exits of each school may be locked from the outside but shall
27 allow for immediate egress by those inside the building during

1 school hours and at all school functions. An emergency drill
2 shall include, but not be limited to, safety, security, severe
3 weather, fire, and code red drills.

4 "(f) In conjunction with drills or evacuations
5 required by subsection (e), a principal or his or her designee
6 shall instruct students in safety precautions to be taken in
7 case of a severe weather watch, alert, or warning. A principal
8 or his or her designee shall designate, in accordance with
9 standards prescribed by the local superintendent of education
10 in conjunction with local public safety officials and the fire
11 marshal, or appropriate local fire safety official in counties
12 that do not have a fire marshal, appropriate locations to be
13 used to shelter students in case of a severe weather watch,
14 alert, or warning.

15 "(g) In the event of a perceived immediate threat to
16 a school involving acts of violence, such as terrorism, a
17 person possessing a firearm or a deadly weapon, or any other
18 threat of violence, the principal, or his or her designee, may
19 institute a code red safety alert level for the school. In
20 addition to the requirements of subsection (e), the principal
21 or his or her designee shall conduct a code red school safety
22 drill at least once each during the first six weeks of the
23 fall and spring semesters of each school year to provide
24 students with instruction in the procedures to follow in the
25 case of a ~~threat to the school involving acts of violence,~~
26 ~~such as terrorism, a person possessing a firearm or a deadly~~
27 ~~weapon, or any other act of violence~~ code red. The principal

1 or his or her designee shall hold an annual training ~~sessions~~
2 session for employees of the school regarding the code red
3 school safety plan, drills, and procedures to be conducted
4 during a school year.

5 "(h) Appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken
6 against any principal or his or her designee who knowingly
7 neglects or refuses to comply with the requirements of this
8 section.

9 "(i) This section shall be read in pari materia with
10 other laws relating to school safety and emergency planning.

11 "§36-19-10.

12 "The Fire Marshal, his deputies and assistants shall
13 require officials and teachers of public and private schools
14 and educational institutions to have at least one ~~fire~~
15 emergency drill each month and to have all doors and exits at
16 such schools and educational institutions open out and that
17 all such doors and exits shall be unlocked during school hours
18 and that the doors and exits of factories, asylums, hospitals,
19 churches, halls, theatres, amphitheatres and other places in
20 which numbers of persons live, work or congregate from time to
21 time, for any purpose or purposes, shall open out. For the
22 purposes of this section, an emergency drill shall include,
23 but not be limited to, a fire drill, severe weather drill, or
24 code red drill as provided in Section 16-1-44."

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective
26 immediately following its passage and approval by the
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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