

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to school crisis response planning."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Article 2. Required School Crisis Response Planning.**

5 **Sec. 14.33.100. Required school crisis response planning.** (a) Each district

6 shall develop a model school crisis response plan for use by each school in the district.

7 Each school in a district shall develop a school specific crisis response plan. Each

8 school shall form a crisis response team consisting of the principal or the principal's

9 designee, one member of the governing board or advisory school board, a school

10 counselor, one certified and one classified member of the school staff, one parent

11 whose child attends the school, one student in grade 10 or higher if the school has

12 those grades, and other members at the discretion of the advisory school board or the

13 advisory school board's equivalent. The district and each school within the district

14 shall consult with local social services agencies and local law enforcement authorities

15 when developing the school crisis response plan.

1 (b) A school specific crisis response plan must meet standards as determined
2 by the department by regulation. A school specific crisis response plan must include:

- 3 (1) the person in charge and a designated substitute;
4 (2) the names of the crisis response team members and their specific
5 job functions relating to a crisis;
6 (3) a communication plan;
7 (4) protocols for responding to immediate physical harm of students
8 and to traumatic events, including the period after the events have concluded;
9 (5) other policies related to crisis response;
10 (6) disaster and emergency procedures to respond to earthquakes, fire,
11 flood, explosions, or other events or conditions in which death or serious injury is
12 likely;
13 (7) crisis procedures for safe entrance to and exit from the school by
14 students, parents, and employees, including an evacuation and lock down plan; and
15 (8) crisis policies for enforcing school discipline and maintaining a safe
16 and orderly environment.

17 (c) Each district shall annually review and update each school's crisis response
18 plan and every three years review and update the district's model school crisis response
19 plan. A copy of each school's crisis response plan, as annually updated, shall be
20 provided to the department and to each local agency that has a role in the plan. Notice
21 of completion of the annual review and update and the location of a school's crisis
22 response plan shall be posted at each school in the district. A school crisis response
23 plan shall be printed and available for inspection by the public.

24 (d) Each district shall annually provide to each district employee at least two
25 hours of training in crisis response, including evacuation and lock down drills.

26 (e) In this section,

27 (1) "crisis" includes a traumatic event or condition that creates distress,
28 hardship, fear, or grief;

29 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

30 * **Sec. 2.** TRANSITION. A city or borough school district or regional educational
31 attendance area shall complete the initial model school crisis response plan required by

1 AS 14.33.100, added by sec. 1 of this Act, on or before July 1, 2000. A school in a city or
2 borough school district or regional educational attendance area shall complete the initial school
3 specific crisis response plan required by AS 14.33.100, added by sec. 1 of this Act, on or
4 before December 31, 2000.