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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, one certified and
9 one classified member of the school staff, and one parent whose child attends the
10 school. The crisis response team may include one member of the governing board or
11 advisory school board, a school counselor, a member from local law enforcement
12 authorities, and one student in grade 10 or higher if the school has those grades. The
13 district and each school within the district shall consult with local social services
14 agencies and local law enforcement authorities when developing the school crisis
15 response plan.

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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 faculty, or staff and to traumatic events, including the period after the events have
9 concluded;

10 (5) 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 (6) 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 (7) policies for enforcing school discipline and maintaining a safe and
16 orderly environment during the crisis.

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

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

26 (e) In this section,
27 (1) "crisis" includes a traumatic event or emergency condition that
28 creates distress, 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

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- 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.