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HOUSE BILL **233**

AN ACT relative to the submission of school emergency response plans.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Barry, Hills. 21; Rep. Sterling, Ches. 14; Sen.
D'Allesandro, Dist 20

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

 This bill requires a school to submit its emergency response plan, and any updates to the plan,
to the department of education.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 14:1 School Boards; Emergency Response Plans. Amend RSA 189:64 to read as follows:

2 189:64 Emergency Response Plans.

3 I. Within 2 years of the effective date of this section, every public and nonpublic school shall
4 develop a site-specific school emergency response plan which is based on and conforms to the
5 Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System ***and submit such plan***
6 ***to the department of education by September 1 of each year.*** The plan should be documented
7 at the time of school approval review. The plan shall provide that at least 2 of the currently
8 required number of fire evacuation drills shall be emergency response drills. The plan shall address
9 hazards including but not limited to acts of violence, threats, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes,
10 structural fire, wildfire, internal and external hazardous materials releases, medical emergencies,
11 and any other hazard deemed necessary by school officials and local emergency authorities. The
12 first emergency response drill shall be conducted within one year of the completion of the plan. If
13 the school has a building schematic floor plan diagram, the school may, with the approval of the
14 local school board, submit the diagram to the division of homeland security and emergency
15 management, department of safety, in a commonly used digital format. Submission of the diagram
16 will enable the state to better prepare, respond, and mitigate potentially dangerous conditions
17 should the need arise.

18 II. The plan shall be coordinated with local emergency authorities and with the emergency
19 operations plan in the municipality in which the school is located. [A] ***Each*** school shall review its
20 plan at least annually[;] and [~~shall~~] update the plan, as necessary, ***and shall submit the updated***
21 ***plan to the department of education by September 1. If after review, the plan is***
22 ***unchanged, the school shall notify the department by September 1 that the plan is***
23 ***unchanged.*** The director of homeland security and emergency management, department of safety
24 shall assist school districts in conducting training for and providing support to school districts in the
25 development, implementation, and review of an emergency response plan, as may be needed.

14:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: April 17, 2017
Effective Date: June 16, 2017