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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; expecting students to be present and participate in school
1.3 safety drills; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 121A.035, subdivision
1.4 2; 121A.037; 299F.30, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.035, subdivision 2, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **School district and charter school policy.** A school board and a
1.9 charter school must adopt a crisis management policy to address potential violent crisis
1.10 situations in the district or charter school. The policy must be developed cooperatively
1.11 with administrators, teachers, employees, students, parents, community members, law
1.12 enforcement agencies, other emergency management officials, county attorney offices,
1.13 social service agencies, emergency medical responders, and any other appropriate
1.14 individuals or organizations. The policy must include at least five school lock-down
1.15 drills, five school fire drills consistent with section 299F.30, ~~and~~ one tornado drill, and an
1.16 expectation that students be present and participate in these drills.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2008-2009 school year and
1.18 later.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.037, is amended to read:

1.20 **121A.037 SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS.**

1.21 Private schools and educational institutions not subject to section 121A.035 must
1.22 have at least five school lock-down drills, five school fire drills consistent with section

2.1 299F.30, ~~and~~ one tornado drill, and an expectation that students be present and participate
2.2 in these drills.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2008-2009 school year and
2.4 later.

2.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299F.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.6 Subdivision 1. **Duties of fire marshal.** Consistent with sections 121A.035,
2.7 121A.037, and this section, it shall be the duty of the state fire marshal, deputies and
2.8 assistants, to require public and private schools and educational institutions to have at
2.9 least five fire drills each school year, to expect students to be present and participate
2.10 in these drills, and to keep all doors and exits unlocked from the inside of the building
2.11 during school hours.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2008-2009 school year and
2.13 later.