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**SCHOOL CRISIS MANAGEMENT
AND RESPONSE PLANS**

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Louisiana Revised Statute 17:416.16. School crisis management and response plans

A. (1) For the purposes of this Section, a "crisis management and response plan" means a plan to address school safety and the incidence of violence at schools, on school buses, and at school-related activities; to respond effectively to such incidents; and to ensure that every student, teacher, and school employee has access to a safe, secure, and orderly school that is conducive to learning. Such plans shall also address the management of any other emergency situation.

(2) A school crisis management and response plan shall be prepared by each public school principal in accordance with guidelines adopted pursuant to school board policy. In preparing the plan, the principal shall consider and include, where appropriate, input from students enrolled in the school and their parents, teachers at the school, other school employees, community leaders, local law enforcement, and fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials.

(3) The plan shall detail the roles and responsibilities of each school employee and the relevant coordination agreements, services, and security measures of a school in the event of a violent incident or emergency situation.

(4) The plan may include provision for encouraging peer helper programs and identifying students who may have experienced rejection or other traumatic life events.

B. (1) Each public school shall submit such plan in writing to its school board for approval.

(2) Not later than January 1, 2002, each city, parish and other local public school board shall have approved a crisis management and response plan for each public school under its jurisdiction.

C. Each school crisis management and response plan shall be reviewed by the public school annually and revised as necessary. Any revised school plan shall be resubmitted to the school board for review and approval of the revisions. *Added by Acts 2001, No. 313, § 1, eff. June 6, 2001.*