

School Emergency Management Plans

House Bill 1512 was passed and signed into law by Governor Henry on May 29, 2003. This law relates to emergency management and makes the following requirement of schools:

“School districts are authorized to plan, design, and construct new school buildings and make additions to existing school building that afford protection for the anticipated school body, faculty, and visitors against tornadoes and severe weather.”

“Each school, administration building and institution of higher learning shall have written plans and procedures in place for protecting students, faculty, administrators and visitors from natural and man-made disasters and emergencies. Plans shall be placed on file at each school district and each local emergency management organization within the district.”

“Each school district and institution of higher learning shall make annual reports to the local school board or Board of Regents detailing the status of emergency preparedness and identified safety needs for each school or institution.”

“Each school district of the state is authorized to participate in such federal assistance programs as may be available or may become available to assist in providing tornado and severe weather protection.”

“Man-made disaster” means a disaster caused by acts of man including, but not limited to, an act of war, terrorism, chemical spill or release, or power shortages that require assistance from outside the local “political subdivision” (any county, city, town or municipal corporation of the state represented by an elected governing body).

This law went into effect May 29, 2003.

See resource: www.ed.gov/emergencyplan