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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING EMERGENCY DRILLS IN  
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-13-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 16,  
Section 188, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-13-14. EMERGENCY DRILLS--REQUIREMENT.--

A. An emergency drill shall be conducted in each public and private  
school of the state at least once each week during the first four weeks of the school  
year and at least once each month thereafter until the end of the school year. Two  
drills during the year shall be shelter-in-place drills and one shall be an evacuation  
drill, as directed by the department. The remainder of the drills shall be fire drills. It  
shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of a school to carry out the  
provisions of this section.

B. In locations where a fire department is maintained, a member of  
the fire department shall be requested to be in attendance during the emergency  
drills for the purpose of giving instruction and constructive criticism.

C. The department shall determine penalties for any person failing  
to meet the provisions of this section."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.-

-The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2004.