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CHAPTER

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RESOLVES

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

S.P. 34 - L.D. 97

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend the School
Emergency Drill Rules**

Sec. 1. Amend school emergency evacuation rules to include lockdown drills. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall amend Rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units in Section 10.02, paragraph A to require lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills, while keeping the total number of required drills unchanged. Rules amended pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

school. The Plan shall include the designation of an adult responsible on site during an emergency. The unit will work with local public safety, mental health, and law enforcement officials in developing this plan, which will be included in the unit's Comprehensive Education Plan.

A) **Emergency Evacuation Drills and Lockdown Drills**

Schools are required to conduct lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills. Written procedures for emergency evacuation drills shall be posted in all buildings. Written procedures for lockdown drills shall not be posted.

Schools at all levels K-12 are required to hold two drills during the first two weeks of school. Schools enrolling grades K-4 shall hold an additional eight drills during the year; schools enrolling grades 5-8, an additional six drills; schools enrolling grades 9-12, an additional four drills. Schools enrolling any combinations of these grade levels shall hold the additional number of drills required of the lowest grade level within the span, except that the local fire chief may increase the number of drills required. Results shall be recorded and deficiencies noted and corrected using forms provided by the Department. School personnel shall receive an annual orientation in this on these procedures.

B) **Medical Procedures**

Each school shall have first-aid medical supplies available for the treatment of minor injuries.

Each school shall distribute to all school personnel a written procedure governing the handling of serious health emergencies, including accidents. School personnel shall receive an orientation in this procedure.

10.03 **Safety Procedures**

A) **Communications**

School personnel shall have ready access to a telephone or other means of electronic communication. The numbers of local fire, police and emergency services shall be conspicuously posted on or near all telephones.

B) **Hazardous Materials**

All school personnel shall use appropriate protective devices when handling bodily fluids or other hazardous materials in accordance with OSHA requirements. School personnel shall receive an orientation in this procedure.

C) **Equipment**