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Office of Safe Schools Emergency Rule 6AER23-01

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House Bill 543 (2023) Requirements

- House Bill 543 – Public Safety, continues Florida’s work of improving school safety and security
- House Bill 543 was signed April 3, 2023, by Governor DeSantis
- Section 23 reads, in part: *“The State Board of Education shall adopt rules establishing the requirements for the school environmental safety incident report, including those incidents that must be reported to a law enforcement agency.”*

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- Section 24 reads, in part: “*The Legislature further finds that emergency rulemaking authority is necessary to ensure that all reportable incidents that are crimes are reported to law enforcement as soon as practicable starting in the 2023-2024 school year.*”



Draft Emergency Rule

Effective for all incidents that occur on or after August 1, 2023, school districts must report the following SESIR incidents, as defined in Rule 6A-1.0017, F.A.C., to law enforcement:

1. Aggravated Battery;
2. Alcohol;
3. Arson;
4. Burglary;
5. Criminal Mischief – \$1,000
6. Disruption On Campus – Major;
7. Drug Sale or Distribution;
8. Drug Use or Possession;
9. Fighting;
10. Grand Theft – \$750;
11. Hazing;
12. Homicide;
13. Kidnapping;
14. Other Major Incidents;
15. Robbery;
16. Sexual Assault;
17. Sexual Battery;
18. Sexual Offenses (Other);
17. Simple Battery;
20. Threat/Intimidation;
21. Trespassing; and
22. Weapons Possession.

Draft Emergency Rule (continued)

Effective for all incidents that occur on or after August 1, 2023, school districts must report all SESIR incidents to law enforcement where the incident includes one or more of the following related elements, as defined Rule 6A-1.0017, F.A.C.:

1. Alcohol-related;
2. Drug-related;
3. Gang-related;
4. Hate crime-related;
5. Hazing-related;
6. Injury-related, if the injuries are reported as more serious; and
7. Weapon-related.

This rule does not limit school districts and charter schools from reporting other incidents to law enforcement that are not listed above.



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