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Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§16**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 588, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

16. Comprehensive emergency management plan. Each school board shall annually approve a comprehensive emergency management plan developed by the school unit administration working with school teachers and staff and local, county and state public safety officials, fire-fighting personnel, emergency management officials, mental health officials and law enforcement officials to identify and deal with all hazards and potential hazards that could reasonably be expected to affect a facility or unit under the authority of the school administrative unit. The approval of a comprehensive emergency management plan under this subsection is public information. The following information pertaining to a comprehensive emergency management plan is public information:

- A. A description of the scope and purpose of the comprehensive emergency management plan and the process used for developing and updating the plan;
- B. General information on auditing for safety and preparedness;
- C. Roles and responsibilities of school administrators, teachers and staff and the designated chain of command during an emergency; and
- D. Strategies for conveying information to parents and the general public during an emergency.

Except as provided in paragraphs A to D, release of the contents of a comprehensive emergency management plan approved under this subsection is subject to the limitations set forth in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph L.’

SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that certain information pertaining to a school’s comprehensive emergency management plan is public information. Other elements of the plan that could jeopardize safety are protected from disclosure.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)