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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require schools to delay evacuation of students, in the event of an unplanned fire alarm activation, for three minutes in order to investigate the possible presence of an active shooter on school property.

 This bill would allow schools to extend the three-minute delay in the event an active shooter is present on school property.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

 Relating to education; to require schools to delay evacuation of students, in the event of an unplanned fire alarm activation, for three minutes in order to investigate the possible presence of an active shooter on school property; and to allow schools to extend the three-minute delay in the event an active shooter is present on school property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this act, the
2 term "school" includes both public and private K-12 schools,
3 but does not include private residences used for the purpose
4 of home schooling.

5 (b) (1) A school that has one or more employees may
6 barricade or block a door for a period not to exceed three
7 minutes in the event of an unplanned fire alarm activation in
8 order for a designated school official to investigate the
9 alarm. Unless otherwise provided in subdivision (2), the
10 school must initiate evacuation and safety procedures after
11 the three-minute period expires.

12 (2) If an active shooter has been verified to be
13 present on school property, the school may extend the initial
14 three-minute period required by this subsection.

15 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
16 for the implementation and enforcement of this section.

17 (d) Each local board of education shall amend its
18 comprehensive school emergency operations plan or shall
19 otherwise adopt and implement procedures to reflect the
20 requirements of this section.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
22 first day of the third month following its passage and
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.