

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Safety Drill Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 15 and 20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 128/15)

7 Sec. 15. Types of drills. Under this Act, the following  
8 school safety drills shall be instituted by all schools in this  
9 State:

10 (1) School evacuation drills, which shall address and  
11 prepare students and school personnel for situations that  
12 occur when conditions outside of a school building are  
13 safer than inside a school building. Evacuation incidents  
14 are based on the needs of particular communities and may  
15 include without limitation the following:

16 (A) fire;

17 (B) suspicious items or persons;

18 (C) incidents involving hazardous materials,  
19 including, but not limited to, chemical, incendiary,  
20 and explosives; and

21 (D) bomb threats.

22 (2) Bus evacuation drills, which shall address and  
23 prepare students and school personnel for situations that

1 occur when conditions outside of a bus are safer than  
2 inside the bus. Evacuation incidents are based on the needs  
3 of particular communities and may include without  
4 limitation the following:

5 (A) fire;

6 (B) suspicious items; and

7 (C) incidents involving hazardous materials,  
8 including, but not limited to, chemical, incendiary,  
9 and explosives.

10 (3) Law enforcement drills, which shall address and  
11 prepare ~~students and~~ school personnel for situations  
12 calling for the involvement of law enforcement when  
13 conditions inside a school building are safer than outside  
14 of a school building and it is necessary to protect  
15 building occupants from potential dangers in a school  
16 building. Law enforcement drills may involve situations  
17 that call for the reverse-evacuation or the lock-down of a  
18 school building. Evacuation or reverse-evacuation  
19 ~~Evacuations~~ incidents shall ~~may~~ include a shooting  
20 incident. ~~without limitation the following:~~

21 ~~(A) shooting incidents;~~

22 ~~(B) bomb threats;~~

23 ~~(C) suspicious persons; and~~

24 ~~(D) incidents involving hazardous materials.~~

25 (4) Severe weather and shelter-in-place drills, which  
26 shall address and prepare students for situations

1 involving severe weather emergencies or the release of  
2 external gas or chemicals. Severe weather and  
3 shelter-in-place incidents shall be based on the needs and  
4 environment of particular communities and may include  
5 without limitation the following:

6 (A) severe weather, including, but not limited to,  
7 shear winds, lightning, and earthquakes;

8 (B) incidents involving hazardous materials,  
9 including, but not limited to, chemical, incendiary,  
10 and explosives; and

11 (C) incidents involving weapons of mass  
12 destruction, including, but not limited to,  
13 biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons.

14 (Source: P.A. 94-600, eff. 8-16-05.)

15 (105 ILCS 128/20)

16 Sec. 20. Number of drills; incidents covered; local  
17 authority participation.

18 (a) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
19 minimum of 3 school evacuation drills to address and prepare  
20 students and school personnel for fire incidents. These drills  
21 must meet all of the following criteria:

22 (1) One of the 3 school evacuation drills shall require  
23 the participation of the appropriate local fire department  
24 or district.

25 (A) Each local fire department or fire district

1 must contact the appropriate school administrator or  
2 his or her designee no later than September 1 of each  
3 year in order to arrange for the participation of the  
4 department or district in the school evacuation drill.

5 (B) Each school administrator or his or her  
6 designee must contact the responding local fire  
7 official no later than September 15 of each year and  
8 propose to the local fire official 4 dates within the  
9 month of October, during at least 2 different weeks of  
10 October, on which the drill shall occur. The fire  
11 official may choose any of the 4 available dates, and  
12 if he or she does so, the drill shall occur on that  
13 date.

14 (C) The school administrator or his or her designee  
15 and the local fire official may also, by mutual  
16 agreement, set any other date for the drill, including  
17 a date outside of the month of October.

18 (D) If the fire official does not select one of the  
19 4 offered dates in October or set another date by  
20 mutual agreement, the requirement that the school  
21 include the local fire service in one of its mandatory  
22 school evacuation drills shall be waived. Schools,  
23 however, shall continue to be strongly encouraged to  
24 include the fire service in a school evacuation drill  
25 at a mutually agreed-upon time.

26 (E) Upon the participation of the local fire

1 service, the appropriate local fire official shall  
2 certify that the school evacuation drill was  
3 conducted.

4 (F) When scheduling the school evacuation drill,  
5 the school administrator or his or her designee and the  
6 local fire department or fire district may, by mutual  
7 agreement on or before September 14, choose to waive  
8 the provisions of subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of  
9 this paragraph (1).

10 Additional school evacuation drills for fire incidents  
11 may involve the participation of the appropriate local fire  
12 department or district.

13 (2) Schools may conduct additional school evacuation  
14 drills to account for other evacuation incidents,  
15 including without limitation suspicious items or bomb  
16 threats.

17 (3) All drills shall be conducted at each school  
18 building that houses school children.

19 (b) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
20 minimum of one bus evacuation drill. This drill shall be  
21 accounted for in the curriculum in all public schools and in  
22 all other educational institutions in this State that are  
23 supported or maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds  
24 and that provide instruction in any of the grades kindergarten  
25 through 12. This curriculum shall include instruction in safe  
26 bus riding practices for all students. Schools may conduct

1 additional bus evacuation drills. All drills shall be conducted  
2 at each school building that houses school children.

3 (c) During each academic year, schools must conduct a law  
4 enforcement drill to address a school shooting incident  
5 ~~incidents, including without limitation reverse evacuations,~~  
6 ~~lock downs, shootings, bomb threats, or hazardous materials.~~  
7 Such drills must be conducted according to the school  
8 district's or private school's emergency and crisis response  
9 plans, protocols, and procedures, with the participation of the  
10 appropriate law enforcement agency. Law enforcement drills may  
11 be conducted on days and times when students are not present in  
12 the school building. All drills must be conducted at each  
13 school building that houses school children.

14 (1) A law enforcement drill must meet all of the  
15 following criteria:

16 (A) During each calendar year, the appropriate  
17 local law enforcement agency shall contact the  
18 appropriate school administrator to request to  
19 participate in a law enforcement drill. The school  
20 administrator and local law enforcement agency shall  
21 set, by mutual agreement, a date for the drill.

22 (A-5) The drill shall require the on-site  
23 participation of the local law enforcement agency. If a  
24 mutually agreeable date cannot be reached between the  
25 school administrator and the appropriate local law  
26 enforcement agency, then the school shall still hold

1           the drill without participation from the agency. ~~and~~  
2           ~~may actively participate on site in a drill.~~

3           (B) Upon the participation of a local law  
4           enforcement agency in a law enforcement drill, the  
5           appropriate local law enforcement official shall  
6           certify that the law enforcement drill was conducted  
7           and notify the school in a timely manner of any  
8           deficiencies noted during the drill.

9           (2) Schools may conduct additional law enforcement  
10          drills at their discretion.

11          (3) (Blank).

12          (d) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
13          minimum of one severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to  
14          address and prepare students and school personnel for possible  
15          tornado incidents and may conduct additional severe weather and  
16          shelter-in-place drills to account for other incidents,  
17          including without limitation earthquakes or hazardous  
18          materials. All drills shall be conducted at each school  
19          building that houses school children.

20          (Source: P.A. 94-600, eff. 8-16-05; 95-1015, eff. 12-15-08.)

21          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22          becoming law.