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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 71

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 71, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Safety Drill Act is amended by
6 changing Sections 5, 10, 15, and 25 and by adding Section 65 as
7 follows:

8 (105 ILCS 128/5)

9 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:

10 "Emergency services and disaster agency" means an agency
11 by the name "emergency services and disaster agency", by the
12 name "emergency management agency", or by any other name that
13 is established by ordinance within a political subdivision to
14 coordinate the emergency management program within that
15 political subdivision with private organizations, other
16 political subdivisions, and the State and federal governments.

1 "First responder" means and includes all fire departments
2 and districts, law enforcement agencies and officials,
3 emergency medical responders, emergency medical dispatchers,
4 and emergency management officials involved in the execution
5 and documentation of the drills administered under this Act.

6 "Hazardous substance" has the meaning given to that term
7 in Section 3.215 of the Environmental Protection Act, except
8 that, as used in this Act, "hazardous substance" also includes
9 radioactive materials, hydrocarbons, petroleum, gasoline, and
10 crude oil or any products, by-products, or fractions thereof.

11 "Local emergency planning committee" means the committee
12 that is appointed for an emergency planning district under
13 Section 301 of the federal Emergency Planning and Community
14 Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

15 "School" means a public or private facility that offers
16 elementary or secondary education to students under the age of
17 21. As used in this definition, "public facility" means a
18 facility operated by the State or by a unit of local
19 government. As used in this definition, "private facility"
20 means any non-profit, non-home-based, non-public elementary or
21 secondary school that is in compliance with Title VI of the
22 Civil Rights Act of 1964 and attendance at which satisfies the
23 requirements of Section 26-1 of the School Code. While more
24 than one school may be housed in a facility, for purposes of
25 this Act, the facility shall be considered a school. When a
26 school has more than one location, for purposes of this Act,

1 each different location shall be considered its own school.

2 "School district" means any public school district
3 established under the School Code, any program of a special
4 education joint agreement established under Section 3-15.14,
5 10-22.31, or 10-22.31a of the School Code, or any charter
6 school authorized by the State Board of Education in
7 accordance with Section 27A-7.5 of the School Code.

8 "School safety drill" means a pre-planned exercise
9 conducted by a school in accordance with the drills and
10 requirements set forth in this Act.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-894, eff. 5-20-22; 102-1006, eff. 1-1-23;
12 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-175, eff. 6-30-23.)

13 (105 ILCS 128/10)

14 Sec. 10. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is (i) to
15 establish minimum requirements and standards for schools to
16 follow when conducting school safety drills and reviewing
17 school emergency and crisis response plans and, beginning July
18 1, 2027, hazardous substance release procedures and (ii) to
19 encourage schools and first responders to work together for
20 the safety of children. Communities and schools may exceed
21 these requirements and standards.

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

23 (105 ILCS 128/15)

24 Sec. 15. Types of drills. Under this Act, the following

1 school safety drills shall be instituted by all schools in
2 this State:

3 (1) School evacuation drills, which shall address and
4 prepare students and school personnel for situations that
5 occur when conditions outside of a school building are
6 safer than inside a school building. Evacuation incidents
7 are based on the needs of particular communities and may
8 include without limitation the following:

9 (A) fire;

10 (B) suspicious items or persons;

11 (C) incidents involving hazardous materials,
12 including, but not limited to, chemical, incendiary,
13 and explosives; ~~and~~

14 (D) bomb threats; and -

15 (E) incidents involving the release or explosion
16 of hazardous substances.

17 (2) Except as limited by subsection (b-5) of Section
18 20 of this Act, bus evacuation drills, which shall address
19 and prepare students and school personnel for situations
20 that occur when conditions outside of a bus are safer than
21 inside the bus. Evacuation incidents are based on the
22 needs of particular communities and may include without
23 limitation the following:

24 (A) fire;

25 (B) suspicious items; ~~and~~

26 (C) incidents involving hazardous materials,

1 including, but not limited to, chemical, incendiary,
2 and explosives; and -

3 (D) incidents involving the release or explosion
4 of hazardous substances.

5 (3) Law enforcement drills, which shall address and
6 prepare school personnel for situations calling for the
7 involvement of law enforcement when conditions inside a
8 school building are safer than outside of a school
9 building and it is necessary to protect building occupants
10 from potential dangers in a school building. Law
11 enforcement drills may involve situations that call for
12 the reverse-evacuation or the lock-down of a school
13 building. Evacuation or reverse-evacuation incidents shall
14 include a shooting incident.

15 (4) Severe weather and shelter-in-place drills, which
16 shall address and prepare students for situations
17 involving severe weather emergencies or the release of
18 external gas or chemicals. Severe weather and
19 shelter-in-place incidents shall be based on the needs and
20 environment of particular communities and may include
21 without limitation the following:

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

24 (B) incidents involving hazardous materials,
25 including, but not limited to, chemical, incendiary,
26 and explosives; ~~and~~

1 (C) incidents involving weapons of mass
2 destruction, including, but not limited to,
3 biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons; and ~~and~~

4 (D) incidents involving the release or explosion
5 of hazardous materials.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-443, eff. 8-25-17.)

7 (105 ILCS 128/25)

8 Sec. 25. Annual review.

9 (a) Each public school district, through its school board
10 or the board's designee, shall conduct a minimum of one annual
11 meeting at which it will review each school building's
12 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and
13 procedures, including procedures regarding the school
14 district's threat assessment team, the school district's
15 hazardous substance release procedures, procedures regarding
16 the school district's cardiac emergency response plan, the
17 efficacy and effects of law enforcement drills, and each
18 building's compliance with the school safety drill programs.
19 The purpose of this annual review shall be to review and update
20 the emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and
21 procedures and the school safety drill programs of the
22 district and each of its school buildings. This review must be
23 at no cost to the school district. In updating a school
24 building's emergency and crisis response plans, consideration
25 may be given to making the emergency and crisis response plans

1 available to first responders, administrators, and teachers
2 for implementation and utilization through the use of
3 electronic applications on electronic devices, including, but
4 not limited to, smartphones, tablets, and laptop computers.

5 (b) Each school board or the board's designee is required
6 to participate in the annual review and to invite each of the
7 following parties to the annual review and provide each party
8 with a minimum of 30 days' notice before the date of the annual
9 review:

10 (1) The principal of each school within the school
11 district or his or her official designee.

12 (2) Representatives from any other education-related
13 organization or association deemed appropriate by the
14 school district.

15 (3) Representatives from all local first responder
16 organizations to participate, advise, and consult in the
17 review process, including, but not limited to:

18 (A) the appropriate local fire department or
19 district;

20 (B) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

21 (C) the appropriate local emergency medical
22 services agency if the agency is a separate, local
23 first responder unit; ~~and~~

24 (D) any other member of the first responder or
25 emergency management community that has contacted the
26 district superintendent or his or her designee during

1 the past year to request involvement in a school's
2 emergency planning or drill process; and -

3 (E) the applicable emergency services and disaster
4 agency or the applicable local emergency planning
5 committee.

6 (4) The school board or its designee may also choose
7 to invite to the annual review any other persons whom it
8 believes will aid in the review process, including, but
9 not limited to, any members of any other education-related
10 organization or the first responder or emergency
11 management community.

12 (c) Upon the conclusion of the annual review, the school
13 board or the board's designee shall sign a one page report,
14 which may be in either a check-off format or a narrative
15 format, that does the following:

16 (1) summarizes the review's recommended changes to the
17 existing school safety plans and drill plans;

18 (2) lists the parties that participated in the annual
19 review, and includes the annual review's attendance
20 record;

21 (3) certifies that an effective review of the
22 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and
23 procedures and the school safety drill programs of the
24 district and each of its school buildings has occurred;

25 (4) states that the school district will implement
26 those plans, protocols, procedures, and programs, during

1 the academic year; and

2 (5) includes the authorization of the school board or
3 the board's designee.

4 (d) The school board or its designee shall send a copy of
5 the report to each party that participates in the annual
6 review process and to the appropriate regional superintendent
7 of schools. If any of the participating parties have comments
8 on the certification document, those parties shall submit
9 their comments in writing to the appropriate regional
10 superintendent. The regional superintendent shall maintain a
11 record of these comments. The certification document may be in
12 a check-off format or narrative format, at the discretion of
13 the district superintendent.

14 (e) The review must occur at least once during the fiscal
15 year, at a specific time chosen at the school district
16 superintendent's discretion.

17 (f) A private school shall conduct a minimum of one annual
18 meeting at which the school must review each school building's
19 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and
20 procedures, including procedures regarding the school's
21 cardiac emergency response plan, and each building's
22 compliance with the school safety drill programs of the
23 school. The purpose of this annual review shall be to review
24 and update the emergency and crisis response plans, protocols,
25 and procedures and the school safety drill programs of the
26 school. This review must be at no cost to the private school.

1 The private school shall invite representatives from all
2 local first responder organizations to participate, advise,
3 and consult in the review process, including, but not limited
4 to, the following:

5 (1) the appropriate local fire department or fire
6 protection district;

7 (2) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

8 (3) the appropriate local emergency medical services
9 agency if the agency is a separate, local first responder
10 unit; and

11 (4) any other member of the first responder or
12 emergency management community that has contacted the
13 school's chief administrative officer or his or her
14 designee during the past year to request involvement in
15 the school's emergency planning or drill process.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-395, eff. 8-16-21; 103-608, eff. 1-1-25.)

17 (105 ILCS 128/65 new)

18 Sec. 65. Hazardous substance release guidance and
19 procedures.

20 (a) By January 1, 2027, the Illinois Emergency Management
21 Agency and Office of Homeland Security, in consultation with
22 the State Board of Education, shall develop and provide
23 guidance for all local emergency planning committees,
24 emergency services and disaster agencies, and school districts
25 in the State specifically related to the potential impact to

1 school districts of a release or explosion of a hazardous
2 substance. This guidance shall be posted on the Internet
3 website of the State Board of Education.

4 (b) The guidance developed under subsection (a) shall
5 include:

6 (1) a description of the methods and procedures to be
7 followed by school personnel in response to a release or
8 explosion of a hazardous substance;

9 (2) a description of the federal, State, or local
10 agencies, including first responders, responsible for
11 identifying whether the release or explosion of a
12 hazardous substance has occurred and how that information
13 will be communicated to school personnel, including any
14 appropriate precautions school districts should take to
15 protect their students and staff and how the wind
16 direction may impact their evacuation plans;

17 (3) recommendations for school evacuation plans,
18 including recommendations for an alternative plan if
19 advised by federal, State, or local agencies, including
20 first responders, that one is needed due to the wind
21 direction;

22 (4) a list of available training programs;

23 (5) a description of recommended communication
24 protocols for school districts with first responders,
25 local law enforcement agencies, and other local, State, or
26 federal emergency management agencies; and

1 (6) a list of instructions for school districts on how
2 to identify their applicable local emergency planning
3 committee or emergency services and disaster agency.

4 (c) By July 1, 2027, each school district shall, in
5 consultation with the applicable local emergency planning
6 committee or emergency services and disaster agency, develop
7 procedures for each of its schools to address the release or
8 explosion of a hazardous substance based on the guidance
9 developed under subsection (a). However, a school district is
10 not required to develop procedures until the school year
11 following when the publication of the guidance provided in
12 subsection (a) is made available on the website of the State
13 Board of Education.

14 (d) Each school district shall make available to all
15 school personnel relevant and appropriate information related
16 to the procedures in subsection (c), including identified
17 evacuation plans, as well as alternative evacuation plans,
18 safe locations where student and staff can seek shelter, and a
19 description of how that information will be communicated to
20 school personnel in such an emergency."