

**SB3222**



**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/11/2020, by Sen. Scott M. Bennett

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 128/20

Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Allows parents of students to exempt their children from participation in a law enforcement drill.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

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 Section 20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 128/20)

7 Sec. 20. Number of drills; incidents covered; local  
8 authority participation.

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

13 (1) One of the 3 school evacuation drills shall require  
14 the participation of the appropriate local fire department  
15 or district.

16 (A) Each local fire department or fire district  
17 must contact the appropriate school administrator or  
18 his or her designee no later than September 1 of each  
19 year in order to arrange for the participation of the  
20 department or district in the school evacuation drill.

21 (B) Each school administrator or his or her  
22 designee must contact the responding local fire  
23 official no later than September 15 of each year and

1 propose to the local fire official 4 dates within the  
2 month of October, during at least 2 different weeks of  
3 October, on which the drill shall occur. The fire  
4 official may choose any of the 4 available dates, and  
5 if he or she does so, the drill shall occur on that  
6 date.

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

11 (D) If the fire official does not select one of the  
12 4 offered dates in October or set another date by  
13 mutual agreement, the requirement that the school  
14 include the local fire service in one of its mandatory  
15 school evacuation drills shall be waived. Schools,  
16 however, shall continue to be strongly encouraged to  
17 include the fire service in a school evacuation drill  
18 at a mutually agreed-upon time.

19 (E) Upon the participation of the local fire  
20 service, the appropriate local fire official shall  
21 certify that the school evacuation drill was  
22 conducted.

23 (F) When scheduling the school evacuation drill,  
24 the school administrator or his or her designee and the  
25 local fire department or fire district may, by mutual  
26 agreement on or before September 14, choose to waive

1           the provisions of subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of  
2           this paragraph (1).

3           Additional school evacuation drills for fire incidents  
4           may involve the participation of the appropriate local fire  
5           department or district.

6           (2) Schools may conduct additional school evacuation  
7           drills to account for other evacuation incidents,  
8           including without limitation suspicious items or bomb  
9           threats.

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

12          (b) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
13          minimum of one bus evacuation drill. This drill shall be  
14          accounted for in the curriculum in all public schools and in  
15          all other educational institutions in this State that are  
16          supported or maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds  
17          and that provide instruction in any of the grades kindergarten  
18          through 12. This curriculum shall include instruction in safe  
19          bus riding practices for all students. Schools may conduct  
20          additional bus evacuation drills. All drills shall be conducted  
21          at each school building that houses school children.

22          (b-5) Notwithstanding the minimum requirements established  
23          by this Act, private schools that do not utilize a bus to  
24          transport students for any purpose are exempt from subsection  
25          (b) of this Section, provided that the chief school  
26          administrator of the private school provides written assurance

1 to the State Board of Education that the private school does  
2 not plan to utilize a bus to transport students for any purpose  
3 during the current academic year. The assurance must be made on  
4 a form supplied by the State Board of Education and filed no  
5 later than October 15. If a private school utilizes a bus to  
6 transport students for any purpose during an academic year when  
7 an assurance pursuant to this subsection (b-5) has been filed  
8 with the State Board of Education, the private school shall  
9 immediately notify the State Board of Education and comply with  
10 subsection (b) of this Section no later than 30 calendar days  
11 after utilization of the bus to transport students, except  
12 that, at the discretion of the private school, students chosen  
13 for participation in the bus evacuation drill need include only  
14 the subgroup of students that are utilizing bus transportation.

15 (c) During each academic year, schools must conduct a law  
16 enforcement drill to address a school shooting incident. No  
17 later than 90 days after the first day of each school year,  
18 schools must conduct at least one law enforcement drill that  
19 addresses an active threat or an active shooter within a school  
20 building. Such drills must be conducted according to the school  
21 district's or private school's emergency and crisis response  
22 plans, protocols, and procedures to evaluate the preparedness  
23 of school personnel and students. Law enforcement drills must  
24 be conducted on days and times when students are normally  
25 present in the school building and must involve participation  
26 from all school personnel and students present at school at the

1 time of the drill, except that administrators, ~~or~~ school  
2 support personnel, or students' parents in their discretion may  
3 exempt students from the drill. The appropriate local law  
4 enforcement agency shall observe the administration of the  
5 drill. All drills must be conducted at each school building  
6 that houses school children.

7 (1) A law enforcement drill must meet all of the  
8 following criteria:

9 (A) During each calendar year, the appropriate  
10 local law enforcement agency shall contact the  
11 appropriate school administrator to request to  
12 participate in a law enforcement drill. The school  
13 administrator and local law enforcement agency shall  
14 set, by mutual agreement, a date for the drill.

15 (A-5) The drill shall require the on-site  
16 participation of the local law enforcement agency. If a  
17 mutually agreeable date cannot be reached between the  
18 school administrator and the appropriate local law  
19 enforcement agency, then the school shall still hold  
20 the drill without participation from the agency.

21 (B) Upon the participation of a local law  
22 enforcement agency in a law enforcement drill, the  
23 appropriate local law enforcement official shall  
24 certify that the law enforcement drill was conducted  
25 and notify the school in a timely manner of any  
26 deficiencies noted during the drill.

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

3           (3) (Blank).

4           (d) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
5           minimum of one severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to  
6           address and prepare students and school personnel for possible  
7           tornado incidents and may conduct additional severe weather and  
8           shelter-in-place drills to account for other incidents,  
9           including without limitation earthquakes or hazardous  
10          materials. All drills shall be conducted at each school  
11          building that houses school children.

12          (Source: P.A. 100-443, eff. 8-25-17; 100-996, eff. 1-1-19.)