

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 20 and 25 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
14 require the participation of the appropriate local fire
15 department 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
8 designee and the local fire official may also, by
9 mutual agreement, set any other date for the drill,
10 including 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
25 the local fire department or fire district may, by
26 mutual agreement on or before September 14, choose to

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

3 Additional school evacuation drills for fire incidents
4 may involve the participation of the appropriate local
5 fire 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
21 conducted 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
4 on 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
7 when an assurance pursuant to this subsection (b-5) has been
8 filed with the State Board of Education, the private school
9 shall immediately notify the State Board of Education and
10 comply with subsection (b) of this Section no later than 30
11 calendar days after utilization of the bus to transport
12 students, except that, at the discretion of the private
13 school, students chosen for participation in the bus
14 evacuation drill need include only the subgroup of students
15 that are utilizing bus transportation.

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

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

9 (1) A law enforcement lockdown drill must meet all of
10 the following criteria:

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

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

25 (B) Upon the participation of a local law
26 enforcement agency in a law enforcement lockdown

1 drill, the appropriate local law enforcement official
2 shall certify that the law enforcement lockdown drill
3 was conducted and notify the school in a timely manner
4 of any deficiencies noted during the drill.

5 (C) The lockdown drill must not include
6 simulations that mimic an actual school shooting
7 incident or active shooter event.

8 (D) All lockdown drills must be announced in
9 advance to all school personnel and students prior to
10 the commencement of the drill.

11 (E) Lockdown drill content must be age appropriate
12 and developmentally appropriate.

13 (F) Lockdown drills must include and involve
14 school personnel, including school-based mental health
15 professionals.

16 (G) Lockdown drills must include trauma-informed
17 approaches to address the concerns and well-being of
18 students and school personnel.

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

21 (3) (Blank).

22 (4) School administrators and school support personnel
23 may, in their discretion, exempt a student or students
24 from participating in a walk-through lockdown drill.

25 (5) Schools must provide sufficient information and
26 notification to parents and guardians in advance of any

1 walk-through lockdown drill that involves the
2 participation of students. Schools must also provide to
3 parents and guardians an opportunity to exempt their child
4 for any reason from participating in the walk-through
5 lockdown drill.

6 (6) Schools must provide alternative safety education
7 and instruction related to an active threat or active
8 shooter event to students who do not participate in a
9 walk-through lockdown drill to provide them with essential
10 information, training, and instruction through less
11 sensorial safety training methods.

12 (7) During the drill, students must be allowed to ask
13 questions related to the drill.

14 (8) Law enforcement may choose to run an active
15 shooter simulation, including simulated gun fire drills,
16 but only on school days when students are not present.
17 Parental notification is not required for drills conducted
18 pursuant to this paragraph (8) if students are not
19 required to be present.

20 (d) During each academic year, schools must conduct a
21 minimum of one severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to
22 address and prepare students and school personnel for possible
23 tornado incidents and may conduct additional severe weather
24 and shelter-in-place drills to account for other incidents,
25 including without limitation earthquakes or hazardous
26 materials. All drills shall be conducted at each school

1 building that houses school children.

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

3 (105 ILCS 128/25)

4 Sec. 25. Annual review.

5 (a) Each public school district, through its school board
6 or the board's designee, shall conduct a minimum of one annual
7 meeting at which it will review each school building's
8 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and
9 procedures, including procedures regarding the school
10 district's threat assessment team, the efficacy and effects of
11 law enforcement drills, and each building's compliance with
12 the school safety drill programs. The purpose of this annual
13 review shall be to review and update the emergency and crisis
14 response plans, protocols, and procedures and the school
15 safety drill programs of the district and each of its school
16 buildings. This review must be at no cost to the school
17 district. In updating a school building's emergency and crisis
18 response plans, consideration may be given to making the
19 emergency and crisis response plans available to first
20 responders, administrators, and teachers for implementation
21 and utilization through the use of electronic applications on
22 electronic devices, including, but not limited to,
23 smartphones, tablets, and laptop computers.

24 (b) Each school board or the board's designee is required
25 to participate in the annual review and to invite each of the

1 following parties to the annual review and provide each party
2 with a minimum of 30 days' notice before the date of the annual
3 review:

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

6 (2) Representatives from any other education-related
7 organization or association deemed appropriate by the
8 school district.

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

12 (A) the appropriate local fire department or
13 district;

14 (B) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

15 (C) the appropriate local emergency medical
16 services agency if the agency is a separate, local
17 first responder unit; and

18 (D) any other member of the first responder or
19 emergency management community that has contacted the
20 district superintendent or his or her designee during
21 the past year to request involvement in a school's
22 emergency planning or drill process.

23 (4) The school board or its designee may also choose
24 to invite to the annual review any other persons whom it
25 believes will aid in the review process, including, but
26 not limited to, any members of any other education-related

1 organization or the first responder or emergency
2 management community.

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

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

9 (2) lists the parties that participated in the annual
10 review, and includes the annual review's attendance
11 record;

12 (3) certifies that an effective review of the
13 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and
14 procedures and the school safety drill programs of the
15 district and each of its school buildings has occurred;

16 (4) states that the school district will implement
17 those plans, protocols, procedures, and programs, during
18 the academic year; and

19 (5) includes the authorization of the school board or
20 the board's designee.

21 (d) The school board or its designee shall send a copy of
22 the report to each party that participates in the annual
23 review process and to the appropriate regional superintendent
24 of schools. If any of the participating parties have comments
25 on the certification document, those parties shall submit
26 their comments in writing to the appropriate regional

1 superintendent. The regional superintendent shall maintain a
2 record of these comments. The certification document may be in
3 a check-off format or narrative format, at the discretion of
4 the district superintendent.

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

8 (f) A private school shall conduct a minimum of one annual
9 meeting at which the school must review each school building's
10 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures
11 and each building's compliance with the school safety drill
12 programs of the school. The purpose of this annual review
13 shall be to review and update the emergency and crisis
14 response plans, protocols, and procedures and the school
15 safety drill programs of the school. This review must be at no
16 cost to the private school.

17 The private school shall invite representatives from all
18 local first responder organizations to participate, advise,
19 and consult in the review process, including, but not limited
20 to, the following:

21 (1) the appropriate local fire department or fire
22 protection district;

23 (2) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

24 (3) the appropriate local emergency medical services
25 agency if the agency is a separate, local first responder
26 unit; and

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

6 (Source: P.A. 101-455, eff. 8-23-19.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.