

SB3573



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 128/25

Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Provides that in updating a public school building's emergency and crisis response plans, the school board shall ensure that the plans are accessible in a digital format. Requires every effort to be made to make the emergency and crisis response plans available to first responders, administrators, and teachers for implementation and utilization on handheld electronic devices.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 25 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 128/25)

7 Sec. 25. Annual review.

8 (a) Each public school district, through its school board
9 or the board's designee, shall conduct a minimum of one annual
10 meeting at which it will review each school building's
11 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures
12 and each building's compliance with the school safety drill
13 programs. The purpose of this annual review shall be to review
14 and update the emergency and crisis response plans, protocols,
15 and procedures and the school safety drill programs of the
16 district and each of its school buildings. In updating a school
17 building's emergency and crisis response plans, the school
18 board shall ensure that the plans are accessible in a digital
19 format. Every effort must be made to make the emergency and
20 crisis response plans available to first responders,
21 administrators, and teachers for implementation and
22 utilization on handheld electronic devices, such as
23 smartphones, tablets, and laptop computers.

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

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

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

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

14 (A) the appropriate local fire department or
15 district;

16 (B) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

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

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

25 (4) The school board or its designee may also choose to
26 invite to the annual review any other persons whom it

1 believes will aid in the review process, including, but not
2 limited to, any members of any other education-related
3 organization or the first responder or emergency
4 management community.

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

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

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

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

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

21 (5) includes the authorization of the school board or
22 the board's designee.

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

1 the certification document, those parties shall submit their
2 comments in writing to the appropriate regional
3 superintendent. The regional superintendent shall maintain a
4 record of these comments. The certification document may be in
5 a check-off format or narrative format, at the discretion of
6 the district superintendent.

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

10 (Source: P.A. 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.)