

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.