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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 71

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

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

7 (105 ILCS 128/5)

8 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:

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

16 "First responder" means and includes all fire departments

1 and districts, law enforcement agencies and officials,
2 emergency medical responders, emergency medical dispatchers,
3 and emergency management officials involved in the execution
4 and documentation of the drills administered under this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (105 ILCS 128/10)

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

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

22 (105 ILCS 128/15)

23 Sec. 15. Types of drills. Under this Act, the following
24 school safety drills shall be instituted by all schools in

1 this State:

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

8 (A) fire;

9 (B) suspicious items or persons;

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

13 (D) bomb threats; and -

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

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

23 (A) fire;

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

25 (C) incidents involving hazardous materials,
26 including, but not limited to, chemical, incendiary,

1 and explosives; and -

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

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

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

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

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

26 (C) incidents involving weapons of mass

1 destruction, including, but not limited to,
2 biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons; and -

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

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

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
12 procedures, including procedures regarding the school
13 district's threat assessment team, the school district's
14 hazardous substance release procedures, procedures regarding
15 the school district's cardiac emergency response plan, the
16 efficacy and effects of law enforcement drills, and each
17 building's compliance with the school safety drill programs.
18 The purpose of this annual review shall be to review and update
19 the emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and
20 procedures and the school safety drill programs of the
21 district and each of its school buildings. This review must be
22 at no cost to the school district. In updating a school
23 building's emergency and crisis response plans, consideration
24 may be given to making the emergency and crisis response plans
25 available to first responders, administrators, and teachers

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (B) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

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

23 (D) any other member of the first responder or
24 emergency management community that has contacted the
25 district superintendent or his or her designee during
26 the past year to request involvement in a school's

1 emergency planning or drill process; and ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 The private school shall invite representatives from all

1 local first responder organizations to participate, advise,
2 and consult in the review process, including, but not limited
3 to, the following:

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

6 (2) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

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

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

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

16 (105 ILCS 128/65 new)

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

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

1 substance. This guidance shall be posted on the Internet
2 website of the State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

21 (4) a list of available training programs;

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

26 (6) a list of instructions for school districts on how

1 to identify their applicable local emergency planning
2 committee or emergency services and disaster agency.

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

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