

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2868

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring school
8 districts to have a written earthquake protection
9 plan; making the earthquake plan a part of the
10 required emergency management plans; directing school
11 districts to provide certain training; making
12 training contingent upon funding; requiring training
13 to be coordinated and provided or approved by the
14 Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management;
15 requiring school districts to conduct a certain
16 number of earthquake drills annually; allowing for
17 additional drills; stating purpose of the drills;
18 providing for participation; directing the State
19 Board of Education to adopt rules; providing for
20 codification; providing an effective date; and
21 declaring an emergency.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-149 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district board of education shall have a written
plan and procedures in place for protecting students, faculty,
staff, administrators and visitors from earthquakes. The plan shall
be made a part of and shall conform with the written emergency

1 management plans adopted by the school district as required by
2 Section 681 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 B. Contingent upon funding, each school district shall provide
4 training to appropriate faculty, staff and administrators on
5 earthquake preparedness and response. The training shall be
6 coordinated through and provided or approved by the Oklahoma
7 Department of Emergency Management.

8 C. Each school district shall ensure that a minimum of two
9 earthquake drills are conducted at each public school within the
10 district each school year. Additional drills may be conducted at
11 the discretion of the district. Earthquake drills shall be
12 conducted for the purpose of identifying a safe place to take cover
13 and to teach participants how to react during an earthquake. All
14 students and employees shall participate in the drills, with the
15 extent of student involvement to be determined by the district.

16 D. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement
17 the provisions of this section.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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