STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2931 By: McCullough of the House

and

Silk of the Senate

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[school safety - modifying reference to certain safety drills - removing requirement for intruder drills - ~~effective date~~ - ~~emergency~~]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-148, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-148. Each district board of education shall ensure that a minimum of ~~two lockdown~~ four security drills are conducted at each public school within the district each school year. No ~~lockdown~~ security drill shall be conducted at the same time of day as a previous ~~lockdown~~ security drill conducted in the same school year, and no more than two ~~lockdown~~ security drills shall be conducted in one semester. One security drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days of each semester. Additional

drills may be conducted at the discretion of the district. ~~Lockdown~~ Security drills shall be conducted for the purpose of securing school buildings to prevent or mitigate injuries or deaths that may result from a threat ~~on~~ around or ~~near~~ in the school. The drills shall conform to the written plans and procedures adopted by the district as required by Section 681 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All students and employees shall participate in the drills, with the extent of student involvement to be determined by the district.

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

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 45, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 5-149), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-149. A. In addition to the ~~two lockdown~~ four security drills required pursuant to Section 5-148 of this title, all public schools shall conduct a minimum of ~~eight~~ six safety drills as follows:

1. Two fire drills per school year. Each fire drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days of each semester. The fire drills shall include the sounding of a distinctive audible signal designated as the fire alarm signal;

2. ~~Two intruder drills per school year. Intruder drills are conducted for the purpose of mitigating injuries or deaths by~~

~~executing a plan as an alternative to the lockdown method. Each intruder drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days of each semester;~~

~~3.~~ Two tornado drills per school year with at least one drill being conducted in the months of September and March; and

~~4.~~ 3. The principal and superintendent of a public school district shall utilize the remaining required safety drills in any manner provided in this section or Section 5-148 of this title or by developing a drill that is consistent with the risks assessed for the appropriate facility or any recommendations submitted by the Safe School Committee as authorized pursuant to Section 24-100.5 of this title or any assisting fire or law enforcement department.

B. It shall be the duty of the principal, under the direction of the superintendent of the school district, to conform to the written plans and procedures adopted by the district as required by Section 681 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All students and teachers at the public schools shall participate~~; provided, however, that the extent of student involvement required in paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section be determined by the district~~.

C. Each public school district shall document each fire drill in writing by public school site. The records for each fire drill shall be preserved for at least three years and made available to the State Fire Marshal or the marshal's agent upon request. In addition to the fire drill documentation provided in this

subsection, the school district shall document all other safety drills in writing and by school site with a copy of the report remaining at the school, a copy filed with the district administrative office and a copy with the Institute for School Security Resources as created by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security.

~~SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.~~

~~SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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