

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2931

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school safety; amending 63 O.S.
8 2011, Section 681, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 55, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 681),
10 which relates to safety plans for school districts
11 and institutions of higher education; clarifying
12 entities subject to new school building construction
13 safety plan requirements; requiring safety plans to
14 follow standard response protocol for emergency
15 situations and certain practices; specifying standard
16 response protocol criteria; requiring inclusions of
17 certain measures; providing an effective date; and
18 declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 681, as
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 55, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015,
22 Section 681), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 681. A. ~~School authorities of the State of Oklahoma,~~
24 ~~its political subdivisions, and its school districts are authorized~~
25 ~~to~~ All public schools in the state shall plan, design, and construct
26 new school buildings and make additions to existing school buildings

1 that afford protection for the anticipated school body, faculty, and
2 visitors against tornadoes and severe weather.

3 B. Each school, ~~administration building~~ district and
4 institution of higher learning in the state shall have for each
5 building written plans and procedures in place for protecting
6 students, faculty, administrators and visitors from natural and man-
7 made manmade disasters and emergencies. Plans shall be reviewed and
8 updated annually as appropriate by each school, ~~administration~~
9 ~~building~~ district and institution of higher learning, and placed on
10 file at each school district and each local emergency response
11 organization within the district, which may include police, fire,
12 emergency medical services, sheriff and emergency management of the
13 appropriate jurisdiction. The plans shall be submitted in a format
14 acceptable to the emergency agency no later than November 1 of each
15 year. Each school district and institution of higher learning shall
16 make annual reports to the ~~local~~ school district board of education
17 or Board of Regents detailing the status of emergency preparedness
18 and identified safety needs for each school or institution.

19 C. The safety plans adopted by school districts and
20 institutions of higher education as required in subsection B of this
21 section shall follow a standard response protocol for emergency
22 situations developed by a nationally recognized organization and
23 shall be based on nationally recognized practices, as may be
24 revised. The standard response protocol shall ensure a uniform

1 classroom response that is critical to school safety and security
2 and shall consist of four specific actions that active participants,
3 including students, staff, teachers and first responders can perform
4 during an incident. Each plan shall also include measures for:

5 1. Security of facilities and grounds;

6 2. Communication with parents or guardians and the media in the
7 event of an emergency; and

8 3. Safety training for school employees.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

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

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