

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 256

By: Bingman, Ford and Burrage
of the Senate

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4 Shannon of the House
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7 An Act relating to school safety drills; requiring
8 public schools to conduct a minimum number of certain
9 safety drills; directing participation; directing
10 documentation of certain drills to be reported;
11 directing preservation of certain records; repealing
63 O.S. 2011, Section 176, which relates to fire
drills in schools; providing for codification;
providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

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

18 A. In addition to the two lockdown drills required pursuant to
19 Section 5-148 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, all public
20 schools shall conduct a minimum of eight safety drills as follows:

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

1 2. Two intruder drills per school year. Intruder drills are
2 conducted for the purpose of mitigating injuries or deaths by
3 executing a plan as an alternative to the lockdown method. Each
4 intruder drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days
5 of each semester;

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

8 4. The principal and superintendent of a public school district
9 shall utilize the remaining required safety drills in any manner
10 provided in this section or Section 5-148 of Title 70 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes or by developing a drill that is consistent with
12 the risks assessed for the appropriate facility or any
13 recommendations submitted by the Safe School Committee as authorized
14 pursuant to Section 24-100.5 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or
15 any assisting fire or law enforcement department.

16 B. It shall be the duty of the principal, under the direction
17 of the superintendent of the school district, to conform to the
18 written plans and procedures adopted by the district as required by
19 Section 681 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All students and
20 teachers at the public schools shall participate.

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

1 addition to the fire drill documentation provided in this
2 subsection, the school district shall document all other safety
3 drills in writing and by school site with a copy of the report
4 remaining at the school, a copy filed with the district
5 administrative office and a copy with the Institute for School
6 Security Resources as created by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland
7 Security.

8 SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2011, Section 176, is hereby
9 repealed.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

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

15 Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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19 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
20 2013.

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