

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 256

 By: Bingman, Ford and Burrage
 of the Senate

6 and

7 Shannon of the House

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10 An Act relating to school safety drills; requiring
11 public schools to conduct a minimum number of certain
12 safety drills; directing participation; directing
13 documentation of certain drills to be reported;
14 directing preservation of certain records; repealing
15 63 O.S. 2011, Section 176, which relates to fire
16 drills in schools; providing for codification;
17 providing an effective date; and declaring an
18 emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 C. Each public school district shall document each fire drill
2 in writing by public school site. The records for each fire drill
3 shall be preserved for at least three years and made available to
4 the State Fire Marshal or the marshal's agent upon request. In
5 addition to the fire drill documentation provided in this
6 subsection, the school district shall document all other safety
7 drills in writing and by school site with a copy of the report
8 remaining at the school, a copy filed with the district
9 administrative office and a copy with the Institute for School
10 Security Resources as created by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland
11 Security.

12 SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2011, Section 176, is hereby
13 repealed.

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

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03/26/2013
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