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1 AN ACT Relating to school safety; and amending RCW 28A.320.125.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.125 and 2009 c 578 s 10 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature considers it to be a matter of public safety
6 for public schools and staff to have current safe school plans and
7 procedures in place, fully consistent with federal law. The
8 legislature further finds and intends, by requiring safe school plans
9 to be in place, that school districts will become eligible for federal
10 assistance. The legislature further finds that schools are in a
11 position to serve the community in the event of an emergency resulting
12 from natural disasters or man-made disasters.

13 (2) Schools and school districts shall consider the guidance
14 provided by the superintendent of public instruction, including the
15 comprehensive school safety checklist and the model comprehensive safe
16 school plans that include prevention, intervention, all hazard/crisis
17 response, and postcrisis recovery, when developing their own individual
18 comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district shall adopt, no

1 later than September 1, 2008, and implement a safe school plan
2 consistent with the school mapping information system pursuant to RCW
3 36.28A.060. The plan shall:

4 (a) Include required school safety policies and procedures;

5 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and
6 recovery;

7 (c) Include provisions for assisting and communicating with
8 students and staff, including those with special needs or disabilities;

9 (d) Use the training guidance provided by the Washington emergency
10 management division of the state military department in collaboration
11 with the Washington state office of the superintendent of public
12 instruction school safety center and the school safety center advisory
13 committee;

14 (e) Require the building principal to be certified on the incident
15 command system;

16 (f) Take into account the manner in which the school facilities may
17 be used as a community asset in the event of a community-wide
18 emergency; and

19 (g) Set guidelines for requesting city or county law enforcement
20 agencies, local fire departments, emergency service providers, and
21 county emergency management agencies to meet with school districts and
22 participate in safety-related drills.

23 (3) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall
24 annually:

25 (a) Review and update safe school plans in collaboration with local
26 emergency response agencies;

27 (b) Conduct an inventory of all hazardous materials;

28 (c) Update information on the school mapping information system to
29 reflect current staffing and updated plans, including:

30 (i) Identifying all staff members who are trained on the national
31 incident management system, trained on the incident command system, or
32 are certified on the incident command system; and

33 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,
34 to include bus staging areas, evacuation routes, communication systems,
35 parent-student reunification sites, and secondary transportation
36 agreements consistent with the school mapping information system; and

37 (d) Provide information to all staff on the use of emergency
38 supplies and notification and alert procedures.

1 (4) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall
2 annually record and report on the information and activities required
3 in subsection (3) of this section to the Washington association of
4 sheriffs and police chiefs.

5 (5) School districts are encouraged to work with local emergency
6 management agencies and other emergency responders to conduct one
7 tabletop exercise, one functional exercise, and two full-scale
8 exercises within a four-year period.

9 (6) Schools shall conduct no less than one safety-related drill
10 each month that school is in session. Schools shall complete no less
11 than one drill using the school mapping information system, (~~one~~)
12 four drills for lockdowns, one drill for shelter-in-place, and (~~six~~)
13 four drills for fire evacuation in accordance with the state fire code.
14 Schools should consider drills for earthquakes, tsunamis, or other
15 high-risk local events. Schools shall document the date and time of
16 such drills. This subsection is intended to satisfy all federal
17 requirements for comprehensive school emergency drills and evacuations.

18 (7) Educational service districts are encouraged to apply for
19 federal emergency response and crisis management grants with the
20 assistance of the superintendent of public instruction and the
21 Washington emergency management division of the state military
22 department.

23 (8) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to
24 implement provisions of this section. These rules may include, but are
25 not limited to, provisions for evacuations, lockdowns, or other
26 components of a comprehensive safe school plan.

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