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1 AN ACT Relating to safe school plans; 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 2002 c 205 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) ~~((By June 1, 2002, within existing resources, the~~
6 ~~superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with~~
7 ~~representatives from the emergency management division of the state~~
8 ~~military department, educators, classified staff, principals,~~
9 ~~superintendents, administrators, the American society for industrial~~
10 ~~security, the state criminal justice training commission, the~~
11 ~~Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and others as~~
12 ~~determined by the superintendent, shall provide guidance to school~~
13 ~~districts in developing comprehensive safe school plans for each~~
14 ~~school. This guidance shall include, but shall not be limited to, a~~
15 ~~comprehensive school safety checklist to use as a tool when developing~~
16 ~~their own individual comprehensive safe school plans, and successful~~
17 ~~models of comprehensive safe school plans that include prevention,~~
18 ~~intervention, all hazards/crisis response, and post-incident recovery.))~~
19 The legislature considers it to be a matter of public safety for public

1 schools and staff to have current safe school plans and procedures in
2 place, fully consistent with federal law. The legislature further
3 finds and intends, by requiring safe school plans to be in place, that
4 school districts will become eligible for federal assistance. The
5 legislature further finds that schools are in a position to serve the
6 community in the event of an emergency resulting from natural disasters
7 or man-made disasters.

8 (2) Schools and school districts shall consider the guidance
9 provided by the superintendent of public instruction, including the
10 comprehensive school safety checklist and the model comprehensive safe
11 school plans that include prevention, intervention, all hazard/crisis
12 response, and postcrisis recovery, when developing their own individual
13 comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district shall adopt, no
14 later than September 1, 2008, and implement a safe school plan
15 consistent with the school mapping information system pursuant to RCW
16 36.28A.060. The plan shall:

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

18 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and
19 recovery;

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

22 (d) Comply with the training guidance provided by the Washington
23 emergency management division of the state military department in
24 collaboration with the Washington state office of superintendent of
25 public instruction school safety center and the school safety center
26 advisory committee;

27 (e) Require the building principal to be certified on the incident
28 command system;

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

32 (g) Set guidelines for requesting city or county law enforcement
33 agencies, local fire departments, emergency service providers, and
34 county emergency management agencies to meet with school districts and
35 participate in safety-related drills annually.

36 ~~(3) ((The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation~~
37 ~~with school district superintendents, shall establish timelines for~~
38 ~~school districts to develop individual comprehensive safe school plans.~~

1 ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall require school districts~~
2 ~~to periodically report progress on their comprehensive safe school~~
3 ~~plans.~~

4 ~~(4))~~ School districts shall annually:

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

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

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

10 (i) Identifying all staff members who are trained on the national
11 incident management system, trained on the incident command system, or
12 are certified on the incident command system; and

13 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,
14 shelter-in-place, parent-student reunification, and lockdown;

15 (d) Provide information to all staff on the use of emergency
16 supplies and notification and alert procedures; and

17 (e) Inventory and replenish emergency supplies, or identify
18 appropriate community sources of emergency supplies as needed.

19 (4) School districts are required to annually record and report on
20 the information and activities required in subsection (3) of this
21 section to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs.

22 (5) Schools shall conduct no less than one safety-related drill
23 each month that school is in session. Schools shall complete no less
24 than one drill using the school mapping information system, one drill
25 for lockdowns, and one drill for shelter-in-place. Schools should
26 consider drills for earthquakes, tsunamis, or other high risk local
27 events. Schools shall document the date and time of such drills.

28 (6) Educational service districts are encouraged to apply for
29 federal emergency response and crisis management grants with the
30 assistance of the superintendent of public instruction and the
31 Washington emergency management division of the state military
32 department.

33 (7) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to
34 implement provisions of this section. These rules may include, but are
35 not limited to, provisions for (~~periodic drills and testing,~~)
36 evacuations, lockdowns, or other components of a comprehensive safe

1 school plan.

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