

SHB 1279 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.320.125 and 2013 c 14 s 1 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  
10 federal assistance. The legislature further finds that schools are in  
11 a position to serve the community in the event of an emergency  
12 resulting 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  
16 safe school plans that include prevention, intervention, all hazard/  
17 crisis response, and postcrisis recovery, when developing their own  
18 individual comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district  
19 shall adopt, no later than September 1, 2008, and implement a safe  
20 school plan consistent with the school mapping information system  
21 pursuant to RCW 36.28A.060. The plan shall:

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

23 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and  
24 recovery;

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

28 (d) Use the training guidance provided by the Washington  
29 emergency management division of the state military department in  
30 collaboration with the Washington state office of the superintendent  
31 of public instruction school safety center and the school safety  
32 center advisory committee;

1 (e) Require the building principal to be certified on the  
2 incident command system;

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

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

10 (3) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall  
11 annually:

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

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

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

17 (i) Identifying all staff members who are trained on the national  
18 incident management system, trained on the incident command system,  
19 or are certified on the incident command system; and

20 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,  
21 to include bus staging areas, evacuation routes, communication  
22 systems, parent-student reunification sites, and secondary  
23 transportation agreements consistent with the school mapping  
24 information system; and

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

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

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

35 ~~(6) ((Schools shall conduct no less than one safety-related drill  
36 each month that school is in session. Schools shall complete no less  
37 than one drill using the school mapping information system, three  
38 drills for lockdowns, one drill for shelter in place, three drills  
39 for fire evacuation in accordance with the state fire code, and one  
40 other safety-related drill to be determined by the school. Schools~~

1 ~~should consider drills for earthquakes, tsunamis, or other high-risk~~  
2 ~~local events. Schools shall document the date and time of such~~  
3 ~~drills.)~~ (a) Due to geographic location, schools have unique safety  
4 challenges. It is the responsibility of school principals and  
5 administrators to assess the threats and hazards most likely to  
6 impact their school, and to practice three basic functional drills,  
7 shelter-in-place, lockdown, and evacuation, as these drills relate to  
8 those threats and hazards. Some threats or hazards may require the  
9 use of more than one basic functional drill.

10 (b) Schools shall conduct at least one safety-related drill per  
11 month, including summer months when school is in session with  
12 students. These drills must teach students three basic functional  
13 drill responses:

14 (i) "Shelter-in-place," used to limit the exposure of students  
15 and staff to hazardous materials, such as chemical, biological, or  
16 radiological contaminants, released into the environment by isolating  
17 the inside environment from the outside;

18 (ii) "Lockdown," used to isolate students and staff from threats  
19 of violence, such as suspicious trespassers or armed intruders, that  
20 may occur in a school or in the vicinity of a school; and

21 (iii) "Evacuation," used to move students and staff away from  
22 threats, such as fires, oil train spills, or tsunamis.

23 (c) The drills described in (b) of this subsection must  
24 incorporate the following requirements:

25 (i) Use of the school mapping information system in at least one  
26 of the safety-related drills; and

27 (ii) A pedestrian evacuation drill for schools in mapped tsunami  
28 hazard zones.

29 (d) The drills described in (b) of this subsection may  
30 incorporate an earthquake drill using the state-approved earthquake  
31 safety technique "drop, cover, and hold."

32 (e) Schools shall document the date, time, and type (shelter-in-  
33 place, lockdown, or evacuate) of each drill required under this  
34 subsection (6), and maintain the documentation in the school office.

35 (f) This subsection (6) is intended to satisfy all federal  
36 requirements for comprehensive school emergency drills and  
37 evacuations.

38 (7) Educational service districts are encouraged to apply for  
39 federal emergency response and crisis management grants with the  
40 assistance of the superintendent of public instruction and the

1 Washington emergency management division of the state military  
2 department.

3 (8) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to  
4 implement provisions of this section. These rules may include, but  
5 are not limited to, provisions for evacuations, lockdowns, or other  
6 components of a comprehensive safe school plan."

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7 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "drills;" strike the  
8 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28A.320.125."

EFFECT: Specifies that schools must conduct at least one safety-  
related drill per month, including summer months when school is in  
session with students.

Allows, rather than requires, schools to incorporate an  
earthquake drill using the state-approved earthquake safety technique  
"drop, cover, and hold."

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