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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the creation and maintenance of
2 school maps in safe school plans; amending RCW 28A.320.125 and
3 42.56.420; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and creating
4 a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Following the tragic events of
7 September 11, 2001, the government's primary role in protecting the
8 health, safety, and well-being of its citizens has been underscored.
9 The legislature recognizes that there is a need to focus on the
10 development and implementation of comprehensive safe school plans for
11 each public school. The legislature recognizes that comprehensive
12 safe school plans for each public school are an integral part of
13 rebuilding public confidence. In developing these plans, the
14 legislature finds that a coordinated effort is essential to ensure
15 the most effective response to any type of emergency. Further, the
16 legislature recognizes that comprehensive safe school plans for each
17 public school are of the utmost importance and will help to assure
18 students, parents, guardians, school employees, and school
19 administrators that our schools provide the safest possible learning
20 environment.

1 (2) (a) The legislature finds that, in 2003, the Washington
2 association of sheriffs and police chiefs was directed to develop
3 statewide building mapping software standards and to operate a
4 statewide first responder building mapping information system. The
5 legislature acknowledges that school districts were required to
6 implement their safe school plans consistent with this system, but
7 were not required to update the mapping information unless funding
8 was available. The legislature finds that, since 2003, state
9 appropriations have largely supported only operational costs, leaving
10 school districts responsible for the cost of updating or remapping
11 facilities. As a result, the legislature acknowledges that many
12 school districts lack accurate and comprehensive school mapping
13 information, which is essential for effective emergency response and
14 public safety.

15 (b) In 2019, the legislature directed the joint legislative audit
16 and review committee to study the statewide school mapping system.
17 The study identified significant limitations, such as inconsistent
18 usage, outdated data, and lack of interoperability across platforms.
19 Despite the existence of the rapid responder system, only 52 school
20 districts accessed the system weekly or daily, while 74 districts
21 logged in once per year or less. At least 33 districts have adopted
22 alternative mapping platforms, creating fragmentation and barriers to
23 coordinated emergency response. Following this study, the legislature
24 acknowledges that it repealed requirements related to school mapping
25 and transferred existing data to the office of the superintendent of
26 public instruction in 2021.

27 (3) The legislature finds that the rise in school shootings and
28 other threats to student safety necessitates a renewed commitment to
29 comprehensive, interoperable, and secure mapping protocols. Emergency
30 responders must have immediate access to accurate, site-specific data
31 that supports rapid decision making and coordinated action.
32 Therefore, the legislature intends to strengthen safe school plans by
33 requiring standardized school mapping formats and features, ensuring
34 compatibility with public safety platforms, and recognizing that
35 sensitive data is protected from public disclosure.

36 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.320.125 and 2024 c 21 s 1 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) The legislature considers it to be a matter of public safety
39 for public schools and staff to have current safe school plans and

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

7 (2) Schools and school districts shall consider the guidance and
8 resources provided by the state school safety center, established
9 under RCW 28A.300.630, and the regional school safety centers,
10 established under RCW 28A.310.510, when developing their own
11 individual comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district
12 shall adopt and implement a safe school plan. The plan shall:

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

14 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and
15 recovery;

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

19 (d) Include a family-student reunification plan, including
20 procedures for communicating the reunification plan to staff,
21 students, families, and emergency responders;

22 (e) Use the training guidance provided by the Washington
23 emergency management division of the state military department in
24 collaboration with the state school safety center in the office of
25 the superintendent of public instruction, established under RCW
26 28A.300.630, and the school safety and student well-being advisory
27 committee, established under RCW 28A.300.635;

28 (f) Require the building principal to be certified on the
29 incident command system;

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

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

37 (i) Include how substitute teachers and other temporary employees
38 receive necessary information about safe school plans, including
39 school safety policies and procedures and the three basic functional
40 drill responses described in subsection (5) of this section; and

1 (j) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, include the creation and maintenance of school maps
3 that meet the requirements in section 3 of this act and are made
4 available to local and state first responder agencies that provide
5 emergency services to the mapped schools.

6 (3) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall
7 annually:

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

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

11 (c) Update information to reflect current plans, including:

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

15 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,
16 to include bus staging areas, evacuation routes, communication
17 systems, parent-student reunification sites, and secondary
18 transportation agreements; and

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

21 (4) School districts are encouraged to work with local emergency
22 management agencies and other emergency responders to conduct one
23 tabletop exercise, one functional exercise, and two full-scale
24 exercises within a four-year period.

25 (5)(a) Due to geographic location, schools have unique safety
26 challenges. It is the responsibility of school principals and
27 administrators to assess the threats and hazards most likely to
28 impact their school, and to practice three basic functional drills,
29 shelter-in-place, lockdown, and evacuation, as these drills relate to
30 those threats and hazards. Some threats or hazards may require the
31 use of more than one basic functional drill.

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

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

1 (ii) "Lockdown," used to isolate students and staff from threats
2 of violence, such as suspicious trespassers or armed intruders, that
3 may occur in a school or in the vicinity of a school. Lockdown drills
4 may not include live simulations of or reenactments of active shooter
5 scenarios that are not trauma-informed and age and developmentally
6 appropriate; and

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

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

11 (i) A pedestrian evacuation drill for schools in mapped lahars or
12 tsunami hazard zones; and

13 (ii) An earthquake drill using the state-approved earthquake
14 safety technique "drop, cover, and hold."

15 (d) Schools shall document the date, time, and type (shelter-in-
16 place, lockdown, or evacuate) of each drill required under this
17 subsection (5), and maintain the documentation in the school office.

18 (e) This subsection (5) is intended to satisfy all federal
19 requirements for comprehensive school emergency drills and
20 evacuations.

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

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

30 (8) (a) Whenever a first responder agency notifies a school of a
31 situation that may necessitate an evacuation or lockdown, the agency
32 must determine if other known schools in the vicinity are similarly
33 threatened. The first responder agency must notify every other known
34 school in the vicinity for which an evacuation or lockdown appears
35 reasonably necessary to the agency's incident commander unless the
36 agency is unable to notify schools due to duties directly tied to
37 responding to the incident occurring. For purposes of this
38 subsection, "school" includes a private school under chapter 28A.195
39 RCW.

1 (b) A first responder agency and its officers, agents, and
2 employees are not liable for any act, or failure to act, under this
3 subsection unless a first responder agency and its officers, agents,
4 and employees acted with willful disregard.

5 (9) This section governs school operation and management under
6 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools
7 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education
8 compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same extent as
9 it applies to school districts.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) School maps required under RCW 28A.320.125(2)(j) must be made
13 available to local and state first responder agencies in digital
14 formats that:

15 (a) Are interoperable with the software platforms in use by each
16 local and state first responder agency that provides emergency
17 services to the mapped school, without requiring such agencies to
18 purchase software, obtain licenses or subscriptions, or incur any
19 cost to access, view, or otherwise use the maps;

20 (b) Conform to and integrate with security software platforms in
21 use by the mapped school without requiring the purchase of additional
22 software or payment of license fees to view or access the data; and

23 (c) Permit printing, electronic distribution, and integration
24 into interactive mobile and web-based platforms.

25 (2) School maps must also include the following features:

26 (a) Orientation to true north, a reference grid with X axis and Y
27 axis coordinates, and a Z axis elevation values sufficient to support
28 three-dimensional location referencing;

29 (b) Accurate floor plans that are verified by the entity
30 producing the school mapping data through an on-site physical walk-
31 through of school buildings and grounds, and that are overlaid on
32 aerial imagery of the facility grounds that accurately reflects site
33 conditions as of the date of the on-site physical walk-through;

34 (c) Site-specific labeling that corresponds to the physical
35 layout of the school campus and that is consistent with on-site
36 signage where such signage exists. Such labeling must identify
37 permanent, fixed features necessary to support emergency response,
38 sheltering, evacuation, and incident management including, but not
39 limited to:

1 (i) Interior features, such as rooms, hallways, stairwells,
2 elevators, interior access points, and areas capable of lockdown or
3 sheltering;

4 (ii) Exterior access, egress, and circulation features, such as
5 building doors, gates, parking lots, emergency access routes,
6 evacuation routes, assembly areas, and designated reunification
7 areas;

8 (iii) Elevation-related features, such as multistory structures,
9 roofs or elevated areas suitable for vertical evacuation, stair
10 towers, ramps, and changes in grade relevant to flood or tsunami
11 response;

12 (iv) Exterior structures and spaces, such as playgrounds,
13 athletic fields, portable or modular buildings that are permanent or
14 semipermanent, covered walkways, storage or utility buildings, and
15 perimeter fencing or barriers; and

16 (v) Safety, security, and critical infrastructure, such as fire
17 alarm control panels, fire department connections, key boxes,
18 automated external defibrillators, trauma kits, emergency call boxes,
19 critical utility controls, security control points, and permanent or
20 fixed hazards; and

21 (d) Controls that prevent independent modification or updating of
22 the school maps unless corresponding updates are made to the
23 underlying school mapping data within the software platforms in use
24 by every local and state public safety agency that provides emergency
25 services to the mapped school.

26 (3)(a) School mapping data are not subject to public disclosure
27 and are exempt from disclosure under RCW 42.56.420.

28 (b) All school mapping data must be collected, accessed,
29 analyzed, aggregated, produced, transmitted, shared, used, modified,
30 maintained, and stored within the United States.

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.56.420 and 2023 c 404 s 3 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 The following information relating to security is exempt from
34 disclosure under this chapter:

35 (1) Those portions of records assembled, prepared, or maintained
36 to prevent, mitigate, or respond to criminal terrorist acts, which
37 are acts that significantly disrupt the conduct of government or of
38 the general civilian population of the state or the United States and
39 that manifest an extreme indifference to human life, the public

1 disclosure of which would have a substantial likelihood of
2 threatening public safety, consisting of:

3 (a) Specific and unique vulnerability assessments or specific and
4 unique response or deployment plans, including compiled underlying
5 data collected in preparation of or essential to the assessments, or
6 to the response or deployment plans; and

7 (b) Records not subject to public disclosure under federal law
8 that are shared by federal or international agencies, and information
9 prepared from national security briefings provided to state or local
10 government officials related to domestic preparedness for acts of
11 terrorism;

12 (2) Those portions of records containing specific and unique
13 vulnerability assessments or specific and unique emergency and escape
14 response plans at a city, county, or state adult or juvenile
15 correctional facility, or secure facility for persons civilly
16 confined under chapter 71.09 RCW, the public disclosure of which
17 would have a substantial likelihood of threatening the security of a
18 city, county, or state adult or juvenile correctional facility,
19 secure facility for persons civilly confined under chapter 71.09 RCW,
20 or any individual's safety;

21 (3) Information compiled by school districts or schools in the
22 development of their comprehensive safe school plans under RCW
23 28A.320.125, to the extent that they identify specific
24 vulnerabilities of school districts and each individual school, and
25 all school mapping data collected, accessed, analyzed, aggregated,
26 produced, transmitted, shared, used, modified, maintained, or stored
27 under section 3 of this act;

28 (4) Information regarding the public and private infrastructure
29 and security of computer and telecommunications networks, consisting
30 of security passwords, security access codes and programs, access
31 codes for secure software applications, security and service recovery
32 plans, security risk assessments, and security test results to the
33 extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other
34 such information the release of which may increase risk to the
35 confidentiality, integrity, or availability of security, information
36 technology infrastructure, or assets;

37 (5) The system security and emergency preparedness plan required
38 under RCW 35.21.228, 35A.21.300, 36.01.210, 36.57.120, 36.57A.170,
39 and 81.112.180; and

1 (6) Personally identifiable information of employees, and other
2 security information, of a private cloud service provider that has
3 entered into a criminal justice information services agreement as
4 contemplated by the United States department of justice criminal
5 justice information services security policy, as authorized by 28
6 C.F.R. Part 20.

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