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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 2007 c 406 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 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 coordinate its safe school
14 plan with their respective local emergency management agency and
15 consider the guidance provided by the superintendent of public
16 instruction, including the comprehensive school safety checklist and
17 the model comprehensive safe school plans that include prevention,
18 intervention, all hazard/crisis response, and postcrisis recovery, when
19 developing their own individual comprehensive safe school plans. Each

1 school district shall adopt, no later than September 1, 2008, and
2 implement a safe school plan consistent with the school mapping
3 information system pursuant to RCW 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 annually.

23 (3) School districts shall annually:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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