

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5620

As of February 20, 2013

Title: An act relating to school safety.

Brief Description: Changing school safety-related drills.

Sponsors: Senators King and McAuliffe.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 2/20/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

Staff: Katherine Taylor (786-7434)

Background: Schools must conduct no less than one safety-related drill each month that school is in session. Schools must complete no less than one drill using the school mapping system, one drill for lockdowns, one drill for shelter-in-place, and six drills for fire evacuation in accordance with the state fire code. Schools are asked to consider drills for earthquakes, tsunamis, or other high-risk local events. Schools must document the date and time of such drills.

Summary of Bill: The number of safety-related drills that a school must conduct is changed. Schools must complete no less than four drills for lockdowns, previously one, and four drills for fire evacuation, previously six.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.

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