

TORNADO, ETC. DRILLS

House Bill 5237

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5237 AS INTRODUCED 10-7-97

The Fire Prevention Code requires schools to have at least ten fire drills for each school year. The bill would amend the code to require that two of the ten required drills be "shelter in-place drills" (e.g., tornado drills).

The code says "the chief administrative officer and the teachers of all schools, including state supported schools, colleges, and universities and the owner, or owner's representative, of all school dormitories shall have a fire drill each month and keep all doors and exits unlocked during school hours, and when the school is open to the public." If weather does not permit fire drills at least once per month, then at least six fire drills must be held in the fall and four during the remainder of the school year.

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