

Senators Proos, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Booher and Robertson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 74.

A resolution to encourage Michigan K-12 schools to comply with the state fire prevention code which requires at least two lockdown drills per year.

Whereas, School safety is of utmost importance in Michigan communities, especially in light of recent disturbing and violent events on school grounds around the country. Michigan has taken steps in recent years to protect students and staff in our schools. Legislation passed in 2006 requires a minimum of two lockdown drills per year for all schools that teach any grade, kindergarten through 12; and

Whereas, Since 1996, 53 out of 59 mass shootings in the United States have occurred on school grounds. The attacks killed 215 people and injured another 241. These events have raised the level of attention to issues of safety in our school buildings and those who occupy them. Preparedness is the key to saving lives; and

Whereas, School boards and administrators should continuously review new lockdown and school safety technology in order to revise their own policies as needed. Input from local emergency management coordinators and first responders will build upon current plans and strengthen the ability to protect against any encountered threat, whether natural or manmade; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage Michigan K-12 schools to comply with the state fire prevention code which requires at least two lockdown drills per year; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Association of School Administrators.