

Legislative Analysis



AMEND REQUIRED SAFETY DRILLS FOR SCHOOLS

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House Bill 4226 (proposed substitute H-1)

Sponsor: Rep. Rylee Linting

Committee: Education and Workforce

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4226 would amend the Fire Prevention Code to modify the number of school safety drills and how they are conducted.

Presently, the law requires that all schools and school dormitories have a fire drill each month and ensure unrestricted emergency egress during school hours and when the school is open to the public. A minimum of eight fire drills is required for each school year, although if weather conditions do not allow drills to be held at least one time each month, then five drills must be held in the fall and the remaining three held during the rest of the school year. The bill would instead require a minimum of seven fire drills each school year, with four held in the fall if weather does not allow monthly drills. A school with any of grades kindergarten to 12 is presently required to hold at least five fire drills each school year. The bill would change this minimum to four, with two of the fire drills (rather than the current three) required to be held by December 1 each year.

Additionally, the bill would increase, from three to four, the minimum number of drills in which occupants are restricted to the interior of the building and the building is secured (also known as "lockdown drills"). At least one of these drills would have to take place during a lunch or recess period or at another time when a significant number of students are gathered, but not in the classroom, and, to the extent practicable, at least one would have to take place when students are between classes.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local school districts, public school academies, or intermediate school districts.

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