

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4226

March 12, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Linting, Greene, Rigas, Woolford, Kunse, Schmaltz, Schuette, Thompson, Breen and Meerman and referred to Committee on Education and Workforce.

A bill to amend 1941 PA 207, entitled  
"Fire prevention code,"  
by amending section 19 (MCL 29.19), as amended by 2024 PA 36.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 19. (1) The chief administrative officer and the teachers  
2 of all schools, including state supported schools, and the owner,  
3 or owner's representative, of all school dormitories shall have a  
4 fire drill each month and ensure unrestricted emergency egress  
5 during school hours and when the school is open to the public. Each  
6 teacher in a school, including a state supported school, and the  
7 owner or owner's representative of a school dormitory shall comply

1 with these requirements and keep a record of the drills.

2 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a minimum of ~~8-7~~  
3 fire drills is required for each school year. If weather conditions  
4 do not ~~permit~~**allow** fire drills to be held at least ~~once-1 time~~ a  
5 month, then at least ~~5-4~~ fire drills must be held in the fall of  
6 each **school** year and 3 fire drills must be held during the  
7 remaining part of the school year.

8 (3) A minimum of ~~5-4~~ fire drills is required for each school  
9 year for a school that operates any of grades K to 12. ~~Three-Two~~ of  
10 the fire drills must be held by December 1 of the school year, and  
11 2 must be held during the remaining part of the school year, with a  
12 reasonable spacing interval between each drill.

13 (4) A minimum of 2 tornado safety drills is required for each  
14 school year at the schools and facilities described in subsection  
15 (1). At least 1 of the tornado safety drills must be conducted  
16 during March of the school year. These drills must be conducted for  
17 the purpose of preventing injuries caused by severe weather.

18 (5) A minimum of ~~3-4~~ drills in which the occupants are  
19 restricted to the interior of the building and the building secured  
20 is required for each school year at a school that operates any of  
21 grades K to 12. At least 1 of ~~these-the~~ **4** drills must be conducted  
22 by December 1 of the school year, and at least 1 must be conducted  
23 after January 1 of the school year, with a reasonable spacing  
24 interval between each drill. **At least 1 of the 4 drills must be**  
25 **conducted in accordance with subsection (6), and at least 1 must be**  
26 **conducted when students are in between classes.** A drill conducted  
27 under this subsection must include security measures that are  
28 appropriate to an emergency such as the release of a hazardous  
29 material or the presence of a potentially dangerous individual on

1 or near the premises. The governing body of a school shall seek  
2 input from the administration of the school and local public safety  
3 officials on the nature of the drills to be conducted under this  
4 subsection.

5 (6) A school that operates any of grades K to 12 shall conduct  
6 at least 1 of the drills required by this section during a lunch or  
7 recess period, or at another time when a significant number of the  
8 students are gathered but not in the classroom.

9 (7) For a school that operates any of grades K to 12, the  
10 governing body of the school shall ensure that documentation of a  
11 completed school safety drill is posted on its website not later  
12 than 30 school days after the drill is completed and is maintained  
13 on the website for at least 3 years. For a school operated by a  
14 school district or intermediate school district, the documentation  
15 may be posted on the district website. The documentation posted on  
16 the website must include at least all of the following:

17 (a) The name of the school.

18 (b) The school year of the drill.

19 (c) The date and time of the drill.

20 (d) The type of drill completed.

21 (e) The number of completed drills for that school year for  
22 each type of drill required under subsections (3) to (5).

23 (f) The signature of the school principal or the school  
24 principal's designee acknowledging the completion of the drill.

25 (g) The name of the individual in charge of conducting the  
26 drill, if other than the school principal.

27 (8) ~~Not~~ **By not** later than September 15 of each school year,  
28 the chief administrator of a school that operates any of grades K  
29 to 12, or the chief administrator's designee, shall provide a list

1 of the scheduled drill days for the school buildings operated by  
2 the school, school district, intermediate school district, or  
3 public school academy to the county emergency management  
4 coordinator appointed under section 9 of the emergency management  
5 act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.409. A scheduled drill that is not  
6 conducted on a scheduled drill day due to conditions not within the  
7 control of school authorities, such as severe storms, fires,  
8 epidemics, utility power unavailability, water or sewer failure, or  
9 health conditions as defined by the city, county, or state health  
10 authorities, will not result in a violation of this section if the  
11 school conducts the minimum number of drills required under  
12 subsections (3) to (5), the school reschedules the drill to occur  
13 not later than 10 school days after the scheduled date of the  
14 canceled drill, and the chief administrator notifies the county  
15 emergency management coordinator of the rescheduled date for the  
16 drill. The county emergency management coordinator shall provide  
17 this information to the appropriate local emergency management  
18 coordinator appointed under section 9 of the emergency management  
19 act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.409, if any, and, consistent with  
20 applicable federal, state, and local emergency operations plans, to  
21 the department of state police district coordinator and the county  
22 sheriff for the county or the chief of police or fire chief for the  
23 municipality where the school is located, or the designee of the  
24 sheriff, chief of police, or fire chief. The information provided  
25 under this subsection is exempt from disclosure under the freedom  
26 of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

27 (9) A public school that operates any of grades K to 12 shall  
28 not conduct a drill required under this section at a time that  
29 would interfere with the conduct of a state-mandated assessment.

1 (10) The state fire marshal, a fire chief, or a firefighter in  
2 uniform acting under orders and directions of the fire chief may  
3 cause fire drills to be held in school houses, school dormitories,  
4 and other public buildings as the state fire marshal considers  
5 advisable. The state fire marshal may order the installation of  
6 other protective apparatus or equipment that conforms to recognized  
7 and approved modern practices.

8 (11) The department of state police emergency management and  
9 homeland security division shall develop a model to be used by a  
10 school in conducting a drill under subsection (5).

11 (12) Until the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, the  
12 governing body of a school that operates any of grades ~~kindergarten~~  
13 ~~K~~ to 12 shall adopt and implement a cardiac emergency response plan  
14 for the school. The cardiac emergency response plan ~~shall~~**must**  
15 address and provide for at least all of the following:

16 (a) Use and regular maintenance of automated external  
17 defibrillators, if available.

18 (b) Activation of a cardiac emergency response team during an  
19 identified cardiac emergency.

20 (c) A plan for effective and efficient communication  
21 throughout the school campus.

22 (d) If the school includes grades 9 to 12, a training plan for  
23 the use of an automated external defibrillator and in  
24 cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques.

25 (e) Incorporation and integration of the local emergency  
26 response system and emergency response agencies with the school's  
27 plan.

28 (f) An annual review and evaluation of the cardiac emergency  
29 response plan.

1           (13) As used in this section:

2           (a) "School" does not include a postsecondary educational  
3 institution as that term is defined in section 19a.

4           (b) "School dormitory" does not include a postsecondary  
5 educational institution dormitory as that term is defined in  
6 section 19a.