An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 256

By: Bingman, Ford and Burrage of the Senate

and

Shannon, Bennett, Hoskin, Inman and Sherrer of the House

An Act relating to school safety drills; requiring public schools to conduct a minimum number of certain safety drills; directing participation; directing documentation of certain drills to be reported; directing preservation of certain records; repealing 63 O.S. 2011, Section 176, which relates to fire drills in schools; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: School safety drills

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-149 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In addition to the two lockdown drills required pursuant to Section 5-148 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, all public schools shall conduct a minimum of eight safety drills as follows:

1. Two fire drills per school year. Each fire drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days of each semester. The

fire drills shall include the sounding of a distinctive audible signal designated as the fire alarm signal;

2. Two intruder drills per school year. Intruder drills are conducted for the purpose of mitigating injuries or deaths by executing a plan as an alternative to the lockdown method. Each intruder drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days of each semester;

3. Two tornado drills per school year with at least one drill being conducted in the months of September and March; and

4. The principal and superintendent of a public school district shall utilize the remaining required safety drills in any manner provided in this section or Section 5-148 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or by developing a drill that is consistent with the risks assessed for the appropriate facility or any recommendations submitted by the Safe School Committee as authorized pursuant to Section 24-100.5 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or any assisting fire or law enforcement department.

B. It shall be the duty of the principal, under the direction of the superintendent of the school district, to conform to the written plans and procedures adopted by the district as required by Section 681 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All students and teachers at the public schools shall participate.

C. Each public school district shall document each fire drill in writing by public school site. The records for each fire drill shall be preserved for at least three years and made available to the State Fire Marshal or the marshal's agent upon request. In addition to the fire drill documentation provided in this subsection, the school district shall document all other safety drills in writing and by school site with a copy of the report remaining at the school, a copy filed with the district administrative office and a copy with the Institute for School Security Resources as created by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security.

SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2011, Section 176, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of April, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 15th

day of April, 20 13, at 4:40 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 16th

day of April, 20 13, at 2:32 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 17th

day of April, 20 13, at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

By: