



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 175

Senate, April 14, 2008

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. STILLMAN of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-231 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall provide for a
4 fire drill to be held in the schools of such board at least once each
5 month, except [that once every three months a crisis response drill may
6 be substituted for a fire drill] as provided in subsection (b) of this
7 section.

8 (b) Each such board shall substitute a crisis response drill for a fire
9 drill once every three months and shall develop the content of such
10 crisis response drill in consultation with the appropriate local law
11 enforcement agency. At least one representative of such agency shall
12 supervise and participate in each such crisis response drill.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	10-231

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Municipal Police Departments	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill requires local and regional boards of education and law enforcement agencies to develop and administer within schools a crisis response drill to be held once every three months.

Local and regional boards of education would be able to accommodate this requirement within the normal course of emergency response planning duties and at no additional cost.

The bill would result in a minimal cost to the Department of Public Safety Division of State Police and municipal police departments associated with overtime costs incurred in supervising and participating in the drills.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 175*****AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires, rather than allows, local and regional school boards to conduct a crisis response drill every three months. Under current law, the boards must conduct fire drills at least once every month but may substitute a crisis response drill for the fire drill once every three months.

The bill requires the boards to develop the drill content in consultation with the appropriate law enforcement agency and have at least one agency representative supervise and participate in it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The Senate referred the bill (File 63) to the Public Safety and Security Committee, which reported this substitute. The original bill codified the appointments of regional and municipal liaisons to facilitate the sharing of criminal and terrorism-related information.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/06/2008)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (04/03/2008)

