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Substitute Senate Bill No. 760

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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 CONCERNING SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS AND FIRE 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 Section 10-231 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2009*):

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 not later than thirty
5 days after the first day of each school year and at least once each
6 month thereafter, except [that once every three months a crisis
7 response drill may be substituted for a fire drill] as provided in
8 subsection (b) of this section.

9 (b) Each such board shall substitute a crisis response drill for a fire
10 drill once every three months and shall develop the format of such
11 crisis response drill in consultation with the appropriate local law
12 enforcement agency. A representative of such agency may supervise

13 and participate in any such crisis response drill.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	10-231

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the last line of subsection (b), "any such" was substituted for "each such" to conform with the other changes made by the amendment.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill requires school boards to hold a crisis response drill once every three months, as a substitute for a fire drill. The bill also requires school boards to develop the crisis response drill format in consultation with the appropriate law enforcement agency and to allow a representative from the local law enforcement agency to supervise and participate in the drill. The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to local and regional school boards.

Although it is not mandated, there is a potential cost to municipalities that choose to have law enforcement involvement in crisis response drills. In such a case, a minimal cost could be incurred by the Department of Public Safety Division of State Police and municipal police departments associated with overtime resulting from 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 760*****AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS AND FIRE DRILLS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires, rather than allows, school boards, once every three months, to substitute crisis response drills for the monthly fire drills required in schools under their jurisdiction. The bill also requires the boards to conduct one of the fire drills no later than 30 days after the first day of each school year.

The bill (1) requires the boards to develop the crisis response drill format in consultation with the appropriate law enforcement agency and (2) allows an agency representative to supervise and participate in the drill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 1 (02/10/2009)