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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CRISIS
RESPONSE DRILLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10-231 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

5 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall provide for [a fire
6 drill] seven fire drills to be held in the schools of such board during the
7 school year, provided at least one of the fire drills is held not later than
8 thirty days after the first day of each school year. [and at least once each
9 month thereafter, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.]

10 (b) [Each such board shall substitute a crisis response drill for a fire
11 drill once every three months and shall develop the format of such crisis

12 response drill in consultation with the appropriate local law
13 enforcement agency. A representative of such agency may supervise
14 and participate in any such crisis response drill.] Each local and regional
15 board of education shall provide for two crisis response drills to be held
16 in the schools of such board during the school year, provided at least
17 one of the crisis response drills is a staff-only drill that is held not later
18 than thirty days after the first day of each school year. Each such crisis
19 response drill shall be conducted in accordance with the crisis response
20 protocols developed for the school pursuant to section 10-222n, as
21 amended by this act.

22 Sec. 2. Section 10-222n of the general statutes is repealed and the
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

24 (a) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Department of Emergency
25 Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the Department of
26 Education, shall develop school security and safety plan standards. Not
27 later than January 1, 2020, and every three years thereafter, the
28 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
29 consultation with the Department of Education, shall reevaluate and
30 update the school security and safety plan standards. The school
31 security and safety plan standards shall be an all-hazards approach to
32 emergencies at public schools and shall include, but not be limited to,
33 (1) involvement of local officials, including the chief executive officer of
34 the municipality, the superintendent of schools, law enforcement, fire,
35 public health, emergency management and emergency medical
36 services, in the development of school security and safety plans, (2) a
37 command center organization structure based on the federal National
38 Incident Management System and a description of the responsibilities
39 of such command center organization, (3) a requirement that a school
40 security and safety committee be established at each school, in
41 accordance with the provisions of section 10-222m, (4) crisis
42 management procedures, (5) a requirement that [local law enforcement
43 and other local public safety officials evaluate, score and provide
44 feedback on fire drills and crisis response drills, conducted pursuant to
45 section 10-231] all crisis response drills conducted pursuant to section

46 10-231, as amended by this act, be in accordance with the crisis response
47 drill protocols described in subsection (c) of this section, (6) a
48 requirement that local and regional boards of education annually
49 submit reports to the Department of Emergency Services and Public
50 Protection regarding such fire drills and crisis response drills, (7)
51 procedures for managing various types of emergencies, (8) a
52 requirement that each local and regional board of education conduct a
53 security and vulnerability assessment for each school under the
54 jurisdiction of such board every two years and develop a school security
55 and safety plan for each such school, in accordance with the provisions
56 of section 10-222m, based on the results of such assessment, (9) a
57 requirement that the safe school climate committee for each school,
58 established pursuant to section 10-222k, collect and evaluate
59 information relating to instances of disturbing or threatening behavior
60 that may not meet the definition of bullying, as defined in section 10-
61 222d, and report such information, as necessary, to the district safe
62 school climate coordinator, described in section 10-222k, and the school
63 security and safety committee for the school, established pursuant to
64 section 10-222m, and (10) a requirement that the school security and
65 safety plan for each school provide an orientation on such school
66 security and safety plan to each school employee, as defined in section
67 10-222d, at such school and provide violence prevention training in a
68 manner prescribed in such school security and safety plan. The
69 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall make
70 such standards available to local officials, including local and regional
71 boards of education, and the Department of Education shall distribute
72 such standards to all public schools within the state.

73 (b) Not later than January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the
74 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall submit
75 the school security and safety plan standards and any recommendations
76 for legislation regarding such standards to the joint standing
77 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
78 relating to public safety and education, in accordance with the
79 provisions of section 11-4a.

80 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year
81 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall develop, and
82 annually update, in consultation with the appropriate local law
83 enforcement agency, crisis response drill protocols to be implemented
84 as part of a crisis response drill conducted pursuant to section 10-231, as
85 amended by this act, for each of the schools under the jurisdiction of
86 such board. Such protocols shall be trauma-informed, created with
87 input from the administrators of each such school, and, include, but not
88 be limited to, a requirement that (1) the staff-only crisis response drill
89 shall (A) be designed and conducted in a manner that prepares
90 administrators, educators and other staff on their roles and
91 responsibilities during an actual emergency, including a walk-through
92 of such drill, (B) include a discussion of the implementation of the items
93 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and how to conduct a
94 whole-school crisis response drill that includes students in accordance
95 with such protocols, and (C) a representative of the local law
96 enforcement agency may supervise and participate in the staff-only
97 crisis response drill, and (2) (A) notice may be provided to the parents
98 and guardians of students, educators, local law enforcement and other
99 first responders of when the whole-school crisis response drill will be
100 held, at any point during the three days prior to such drill, (B) parents
101 and guardians be given the option to opt their student out of
102 participating in the whole-school crisis response drill, (C)
103 accommodations are provided to students who have past-trauma, post-
104 traumatic stress disorder, anxiety or other relevant disabilities, (D) an
105 age-appropriate explanation be delivered to the students of the school
106 and that such explanation includes a description of what the whole-
107 school crisis response drill is and how the school security and safety
108 plan will be implemented during an actual emergency, (E) information
109 be provided to students relating to the availability of mental health
110 counseling for students, (F) a prohibition against the simulation of an
111 active shooter in the school and crouching and huddling by students
112 during the whole-school crisis response drill, and (G) a representative
113 of the local law enforcement agency may supervise and participate in
114 the whole-school crisis response drill.

115 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The Department of Emergency Services
116 and Public Protection, in consultation with the Department of
117 Education, shall conduct an evaluation of the efficacy and effectiveness
118 of the revisions pursuant to sections 10-222n and 10-231 of the general
119 statutes, as amended by this act, to the number and implementation of
120 fire drills and crisis response drills conducted pursuant to section 10-231
121 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. In conducting such
122 evaluation, the department shall (1) review the annual reports
123 submitted by each local and regional board of education pursuant to the
124 school security and safety plans standards, as described in section 10-
125 222n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (2) analyze how the
126 results of the security and vulnerability assessments and school security
127 and safety plans for each board, developed pursuant to section 10-222m
128 of the general statutes, have been addressed and revised following such
129 revisions to the number and implementation of fire drills and crisis
130 response drills, and (3) assess the effectiveness of how local and regional
131 boards of education are conducting such crisis response drills in
132 accordance with the crisis response drill protocols developed pursuant
133 to section 10-222n of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Not
134 later than January 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report, in
135 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
136 on its findings, including any recommendations for legislation, to the
137 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
138 matters relating to education."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-231
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-222n
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section