

HOUSE BILL No. 4713

May 9, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Graves, Franz, Schmidt, Forlini and Rendon and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1941 PA 207, entitled
"Fire prevention code,"
by amending section 19 (MCL 29.19), as amended by 2006 PA 337.

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, colleges, and
3 universities and the owner, or owner's representative, of all
4 school dormitories shall have a fire drill each month and ensure
5 unrestricted emergency egress during school hours and when the
6 school is open to the public. Each teacher in a school, including a
7 state supported school, college, or university and the owner or
8 owner's representative of a dormitory shall comply with these
9 requirements and keep a record of the drills.

10 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a minimum of 8 fire
11 drills is required for each school year. If weather conditions do

1 not permit fire drills to be held at least once a month, then at
2 least 5 fire drills shall be held in the fall of each year and 3
3 fire drills shall be held during the remaining part of the school
4 year.

5 (3) A minimum of 6 fire drills is required for each school
6 year for a school that operates any of grades kindergarten to 12.
7 Four of the fire drills shall be held in the fall and 2 shall be
8 held during the remaining part of the school year.

9 (4) A minimum of 2 tornado safety drills is required for each
10 school year at the schools and facilities described in subsection
11 (1). These drills shall be conducted for the purpose of preventing
12 fires and related hazards and injuries caused by severe weather.

13 (5) A minimum of 2 drills in which the occupants are
14 restricted to the interior of the building and the building secured
15 is required for each school year at a school that operates any of
16 grades kindergarten to 12. A drill conducted under this subsection
17 shall include security measures that are appropriate to an
18 emergency such as the release of a hazardous material or the
19 presence of an armed individual on or near the premises. The drill
20 shall be conducted in coordination with the local emergency
21 management coordinator appointed under section 9 of the emergency
22 management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.409, the county sheriff for the
23 county or the chief of police or fire chief for the municipality
24 where the school is located, or the designee of the sheriff, chief
25 of police, or fire chief and consistently with applicable federal,
26 state, and local emergency operations plans. The governing body of
27 a school shall seek input from the administration of the school on

1 the nature of the drills to be conducted under this subsection.

2 (6) A school that operates any of grades kindergarten to 12
3 shall conduct some of the drills required by this section during
4 lunch and recess periods, or at other times when a significant
5 number of the students are gathered but not in the classroom.

6 (7) FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT OPERATES ANY OF GRADES K TO 12,
7 THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THAT
8 DOCUMENTATION OF A COMPLETED SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL IS POSTED ON ITS
9 WEBSITE WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DRILL IS COMPLETED AND IS
10 MAINTAINED ON THE WEBSITE FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS. THE DOCUMENTATION
11 POSTED ON THE WEBSITE SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (A) THE SCHOOL YEAR OF THE DRILL.

13 (B) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE DRILL.

14 (C) WHETHER THE DRILL WAS A FIRE DRILL UNDER SUBSECTION (3), A
15 TORNADO SAFETY DRILL UNDER SUBSECTION (4), OR A "LOCKDOWN" DRILL
16 UNDER SUBSECTION (5).

17 (D) THE NUMBER OF COMPLETED DRILLS FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR FOR
18 EACH TYPE OF DRILL REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (3) TO (5).

19 (E) THE SIGNATURE OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR HIS OR HER
20 DESIGNEE ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLETION OF THE DRILL.

21 (F) THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING THE
22 DRILL.

23 (8) ~~(7)~~—The state fire marshal, a fire chief, or a firefighter
24 in uniform acting under orders and directions of the fire chief may
25 cause fire drills to be held in school houses, school dormitories,
26 and other public buildings as the state fire marshal considers
27 advisable. The state fire marshal may order the installation of

1 other protective apparatus or equipment that conforms to recognized
2 and approved modern practices.

3 (9) ~~(8)~~—The department of state police emergency management
4 division shall develop a model to be used by a school in
5 conducting, and by a local emergency management coordinator, county
6 sheriff, chief of police, fire chief, or designee of a sheriff,
7 chief of police, or fire chief in coordinating, a drill under
8 subsection (5).