

CHAPTER 1092

FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS IN SCHOOLS

H. F. 1044

AN ACT relating to fire drills and tornado drills in schools.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred point thirty-one (100.31), unnumbered
2 paragraphs one (1) and two (2), Code 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3 It shall be the duty of the state fire marshal and his designated subordinates to
4 require all private and public school officials and teachers to conduct *not less than*
5 *four fire drills and not less than four tornado drills* in all school buildings ~~at least~~
6 ~~once each month~~ *during each school year* when school is in session; and to require
7 the officials and teachers of all schools to keep all doors and exits of their
8 respective rooms and buildings unlocked *when occupied* during school hours or
9 when such areas are being used by the public at other times. *Not less than two*
10 *drills of each type shall be conducted between July first and December thirty-first of*
11 *each year and not less than two drills of each type shall be conducted between*
12 *January first and June thirtieth of each year.*

13 Every school building with two or more classrooms shall have a warning
14 system *for fires* of a type approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories and by the
15 state fire marshal. Said warning system shall be used only for fire drills or as a
16 warning for emergency. *Schools may modify the fire warning system for use as a*
17 *tornado warning system or shall install a separate tornado warning system.* Every
18 school building shall also be equipped with first-aid fire extinguishers, with the
19 type, size and number in accordance with National Fire Protection Association
20 standards and approved by the state fire marshal.

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CHAPTER 1093

TOXIC FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

H. F. 1298

AN ACT relating to the prohibition of toxic extinguishers.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred point thirty-six (100.36), Code 1975, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **100.36 Toxic extinguishers prohibited.** Toxic halogenated hydrocarbon and
4 other ~~vaporizing liquid-type~~ fire extinguishers toxic in nature shall be prohibited
5 for use in all those public buildings referred to in section 100.35 *except, with*
6 *approval of the state fire marshal, halogenated extinguishing systems may be used in*
7 *extinguishing fires when an electrically nonconductive medium is essential or*
8 *desirable, when cleanup of other media or technical equipment presents a problem, or*
9 *when weight compared to extinguishing potential is a factor.*

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