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Approved 3-12-76

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fire drills and tornado drills in schools.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

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

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

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill requires that not less than four tornado drills
31 be held each year. It changes the requirement for fire drills
32 from once each month to not less than two fire drills during
33 each of the two six-month periods in a year and makes the
34 same requirements for tornado drills. It provides for tornado
35 warning devices.

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

Every school building with two or more classrooms shall have a warning system for fires of a type approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories and by the state fire marshal. Said warning system shall be used only for fire drills or as a warning for emergency. Schools may modify the fire warning system for use as a tornado warning system or shall install a separate tornado warning system. Every school building shall also be equipped with first-aid fire

extinguishers, with the type, size and number in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standards and approved by the state fire marshal.

DALE M. COCHRAN
Speaker of the House

ARTHUR A. NEU
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 1044, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

DAVID L. WRAY
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 3/12, 1976

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor