

HOUSE BILL No. 2623

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; requiring storm shelters as a part of
2 certain construction projects.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The legislature hereby declares that it is necessary to
6 provide life-saving protection to all Kansas children in the event of
7 extreme wind. For those children attending public schools such life-saving
8 protection comes in the form of sound storm shelters that are constructed
9 to withstand the extreme wind speeds produced by tornadoes. Therefore,
10 on or before December 31, 2014, the adjutant general shall adopt rules and
11 regulations specifying the design and construction requirements for
12 community storm shelters.

13 (b) On and after January 1, 2015, no school district shall undertake
14 any building project unless the plans for such building project include the
15 construction of a storm shelter to be located in the building that is the
16 subject of the building project. Such storm shelter shall be designed and
17 constructed in compliance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
18 adjutant general pursuant to subsection (a). If such building has an existing
19 storm shelter that is not in compliance with the rules and regulations
20 adopted by the adjutant general pursuant to subsection (a), then the plans
21 for the building project shall include the remodeling or reconstruction of
22 the existing storm shelter to bring it into compliance with the rules and
23 regulations adopted by the adjutant general pursuant to subsection (a).

24 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any building
25 project where the building in question has an existing storm shelter that is
26 in compliance with the rules and regulations adopted by the adjutant
27 general pursuant to subsection (a).

28 (d) The state board of education shall coordinate with the adjutant
29 general to develop, adopt and enforce any rules and regulations necessary
30 to implement the provisions of this section.

31 (e) For purposes of this section:

32 (1) (A) "Building project" means a project approved by the local
33 board of education of a school district for:

34 (i) The construction of a new building for use by the school district;
35 or

36 (ii) any remodeling, reconstruction or expansion of an existing

1 building utilized by the school district if such remodeling, reconstruction
2 or expansion has an aggregate cost that is equal to 50% or more of the
3 insured value of such existing building.

4 (B) The term "building project" does not include any project that is
5 solely for the construction, remodeling, reconstruction or expansion of a
6 school facility used primarily for extracurricular activities, such as an
7 athletic field.

8 (2) "School district" means a unified school district organized and
9 operating under the laws of this state.

10 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
11 publication in the statute book.

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