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By Representative Dolan

1 AN ACT Relating to the statewide first responder building mapping
2 information system; reenacting and amending RCW 28A.320.125; creating
3 a new section; repealing RCW 36.28A.060 and 36.28A.070; and providing
4 an expiration date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.125 and 2019 c 333 s 10 and 2019 c 84 s 1
7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature considers it to be a matter of public safety
9 for public schools and staff to have current safe school plans and
10 procedures in place, fully consistent with federal law. The
11 legislature further finds and intends, by requiring safe school plans
12 to be in place, that school districts will become eligible for
13 federal assistance. The legislature further finds that schools are in
14 a position to serve the community in the event of an emergency
15 resulting from natural disasters or man-made disasters.

16 (2) Schools and school districts shall consider the guidance and
17 resources provided by the state school safety center, established
18 under RCW 28A.300.630, and the regional school safety centers,
19 established under RCW 28A.310.510, when developing their own
20 individual comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district
21 shall adopt and implement a safe school plan (~~consistent with the~~

1 ~~school mapping information system pursuant to RCW 36.28A.060~~). The
2 plan shall:

3 (a) Include required school safety policies and procedures;

4 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and
5 recovery;

6 (c) Include provisions for assisting and communicating with
7 students and staff, including those with special needs or
8 disabilities;

9 (d) Include a family-student reunification plan, including
10 procedures for communicating the reunification plan to staff,
11 students, families, and emergency responders;

12 (e) Use the training guidance provided by the Washington
13 emergency management division of the state military department in
14 collaboration with the state school safety center in the office of
15 the superintendent of public instruction, established under RCW
16 28A.300.630, and the school safety and student well-being advisory
17 committee, established under RCW 28A.300.635;

18 (f) Require the building principal to be certified on the
19 incident command system;

20 (g) Take into account the manner in which the school facilities
21 may be used as a community asset in the event of a community-wide
22 emergency; and

23 (h) Set guidelines for requesting city or county law enforcement
24 agencies, local fire departments, emergency service providers, and
25 county emergency management agencies to meet with school districts
26 and participate in safety-related drills.

27 (3) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall
28 annually:

29 (a) Review and update safe school plans in collaboration with
30 local emergency response agencies;

31 (b) Conduct an inventory of all hazardous materials;

32 (c) Update information (~~on the school mapping information~~
33 ~~system~~) to reflect current (~~staffing and updated~~) plans,
34 including:

35 (i) Identifying all staff members who are trained on the national
36 incident management system, trained on the incident command system,
37 or are certified on the incident command system; and

38 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,
39 to include bus staging areas, evacuation routes, communication
40 systems, parent-student reunification sites, and secondary

1 transportation agreements (~~consistent with the school mapping~~
2 ~~information system~~); and

3 (d) Provide information to all staff on the use of emergency
4 supplies and notification and alert procedures.

5 (4) (~~To the extent funds are available, school districts shall~~
6 ~~annually record and report on the information and activities required~~
7 ~~in subsection (3) of this section to the Washington association of~~
8 ~~sheriffs and police chiefs.~~

9 ~~(5))~~ School districts are encouraged to work with local
10 emergency management agencies and other emergency responders to
11 conduct one tabletop exercise, one functional exercise, and two full-
12 scale exercises within a four-year period.

13 (~~(6))~~ (5)(a) Due to geographic location, schools have unique
14 safety challenges. It is the responsibility of school principals and
15 administrators to assess the threats and hazards most likely to
16 impact their school, and to practice three basic functional drills,
17 shelter-in-place, lockdown, and evacuation, as these drills relate to
18 those threats and hazards. Some threats or hazards may require the
19 use of more than one basic functional drill.

20 (b) Schools shall conduct at least one safety-related drill per
21 month, including summer months when school is in session with
22 students. These drills must teach students three basic functional
23 drill responses:

24 (i) "Shelter-in-place," used to limit the exposure of students
25 and staff to hazardous materials, such as chemical, biological, or
26 radiological contaminants, released into the environment by isolating
27 the inside environment from the outside;

28 (ii) "Lockdown," used to isolate students and staff from threats
29 of violence, such as suspicious trespassers or armed intruders, that
30 may occur in a school or in the vicinity of a school; and

31 (iii) "Evacuation," used to move students and staff away from
32 threats, such as fires, oil train spills, lahars, or tsunamis.

33 (c) The drills described in (b) of this subsection must
34 incorporate the following requirements:

35 (i) (~~Use of the school mapping information system in at least~~
36 ~~one of the safety-related drills;~~

37 ~~(ii))~~ A pedestrian evacuation drill for schools in mapped lahars
38 or tsunami hazard zones; and

39 (~~(iii))~~ (ii) An earthquake drill using the state-approved
40 earthquake safety technique "drop, cover, and hold."

1 (d) Schools shall document the date, time, and type (shelter-in-
2 place, lockdown, or evacuate) of each drill required under this
3 subsection (~~((6))~~) (5), and maintain the documentation in the school
4 office.

5 (e) This subsection (~~((6))~~) (5) is intended to satisfy all
6 federal requirements for comprehensive school emergency drills and
7 evacuations.

8 (~~((7))~~) (6) Educational service districts are encouraged to apply
9 for federal emergency response and crisis management grants with the
10 assistance of the superintendent of public instruction and the
11 Washington emergency management division of the state military
12 department.

13 (~~((8))~~) (7) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt
14 rules to implement provisions of this section. These rules may
15 include, but are not limited to, provisions for evacuations,
16 lockdowns, or other components of a comprehensive safe school plan.

17 (~~((9))~~) (8)(a) Whenever a first responder agency notifies a
18 school of a situation that may necessitate an evacuation or lockdown,
19 the agency must determine if other known schools in the vicinity are
20 similarly threatened. The first responder agency must notify every
21 other known school in the vicinity for which an evacuation or
22 lockdown appears reasonably necessary to the agency's incident
23 commander unless the agency is unable to notify schools due to duties
24 directly tied to responding to the incident occurring. For purposes
25 of this subsection, "school" includes a private school under chapter
26 28A.195 RCW.

27 (b) A first responder agency and its officers, agents, and
28 employees are not liable for any act, or failure to act, under this
29 subsection unless a first responder agency and its officers, agents,
30 and employees acted with willful disregard.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) No later than 90 days after the
32 effective date of this section, the Washington association of
33 sheriffs and police chiefs must:

34 (a) Coordinate with the office of the superintendent of public
35 instruction to transfer all information in the statewide first
36 responder building mapping information system related to public
37 schools, as defined in RCW 28A.150.010, to the office of the
38 superintendent of public instruction; and

1 (b) Notify all public entities that are not public schools that
2 the statewide first responder building mapping information system has
3 been terminated as of the effective date of this section. For any
4 public entity that is not a public school that requests its data from
5 the statewide first responder building mapping information system
6 prior to December 31, 2021, the Washington association of sheriffs
7 and police chiefs must coordinate a timely and efficient transfer of
8 that entity's statewide first responder building mapping information
9 system data to that entity.

10 (2) No later than December 31, 2021, the Washington association
11 of sheriffs and police chiefs must provide the governor, or the
12 governor's designee, all data related to any facility owned by any
13 public entity in the statewide first responder building mapping
14 information system.

15 (3) Nothing in this section requires the Washington association
16 of sheriffs and police chiefs to provide any data or information
17 regarding tactical or intelligence information to any person or
18 entity that is not a Washington law enforcement agency.

19 (4) This section expires December 31, 2021.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The following acts or parts of acts are
21 each repealed:

22 (1) RCW 36.28A.060 (Statewide first responder building mapping
23 information system—Creation—Data must be available to law
24 enforcement, military, and fire safety agencies—Standards—Public
25 disclosure exemption) and 2005 c 274 s 269 & 2003 c 102 s 2; and

26 (2) RCW 36.28A.070 (Statewide first responder building mapping
27 information system—Committee established—Development of guidelines)
28 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 405, 2015 c 225 s 32, & 2003 c 102 s 3.

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