
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1484

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By House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Dolan and Lekanoff)

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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; providing an
4 effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
5 emergency.

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

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

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

18 (2) Schools and school districts shall consider the guidance and
19 resources provided by the state school safety center, established
20 under RCW 28A.300.630, and the regional school safety centers,
21 established under RCW 28A.310.510, when developing their own

1 individual comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district
2 shall adopt and implement a safe school plan (~~(consistent with the~~
3 ~~school mapping information system pursuant to RCW 36.28A.060)~~). The
4 plan shall:

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

6 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and
7 recovery;

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

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

14 (e) Use the training guidance provided by the Washington
15 emergency management division of the state military department in
16 collaboration with the state school safety center in the office of
17 the superintendent of public instruction, established under RCW
18 28A.300.630, and the school safety and student well-being advisory
19 committee, established under RCW 28A.300.635;

20 (f) Require the building principal to be certified on the
21 incident command system;

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

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

29 (3) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall
30 annually:

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

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

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

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

1 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,
2 to include bus staging areas, evacuation routes, communication
3 systems, parent-student reunification sites, and secondary
4 transportation agreements (~~(consistent with the school mapping
5 information system)~~); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 ~~((8))~~ (7) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt
18 rules to implement provisions of this section. These rules may
19 include, but are not limited to, provisions for evacuations,
20 lockdowns, or other components of a comprehensive safe school plan.

21 ~~((9))~~ (8)(a) Whenever a first responder agency notifies a
22 school of a situation that may necessitate an evacuation or lockdown,
23 the agency must determine if other known schools in the vicinity are
24 similarly threatened. The first responder agency must notify every
25 other known school in the vicinity for which an evacuation or
26 lockdown appears reasonably necessary to the agency's incident
27 commander unless the agency is unable to notify schools due to duties
28 directly tied to responding to the incident occurring. For purposes
29 of this subsection, "school" includes a private school under chapter
30 28A.195 RCW.

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

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

38 (a) Coordinate with the office of the superintendent of public
39 instruction to transfer all information in the statewide first

1 responder building mapping information system related to public
2 schools, as defined in RCW 28A.150.010, to the office of the
3 superintendent of public instruction; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
34 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
35 effect July 1, 2021.

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