

CHAPTER 433**(SB 229)**

AN ACT relating to school safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 158.163 is amended to read as follows:

The board of each local school district, and the governing body of each private and parochial school or school district, shall establish an earthquake ***and tornado*** emergency procedure system in every public or private school building in its jurisdiction having a capacity of fifty (50) or more students, or having more than one (1) classroom. The earthquake ***and tornado*** emergency procedure system shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of students and staffs. ***A drop procedure and safe area evacuation practice shall be held at least twice during each school year.***
- (2) A drop procedure. As used in this section, "drop procedure" means an activity by which each student and staff member takes cover under a table or desk, dropping to his or her knees, with the head protected by the arms, and the back to the windows. ~~[-A drop procedure practice shall be held at least twice during each school year.-]~~
- (3) ***A safe area. As used in this section, "safe area" means a designated space including an enclosed area with no windows, a basement or the lowest floor using the interior hallway or rooms, or taking shelter under sturdy furniture.***
- (4) Protective measures to be taken before, during, and following an earthquake ***or tornado***.
- (5)~~(4)~~A program to ensure that the students and the certificated and classified staff are aware of, and properly trained in, the earthquake ***and tornado*** emergency procedure system. **Approved**

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