

AN ACT relating to school safety.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 158.162 is amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Emergency~~management~~ response plan" or "emergency plan" means a written document to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies; and

(b) "First responders" means local fire, police, and emergency medical personnel.

(2) (a) Each local board of education shall require the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each public school building in its jurisdiction to adopt an emergency plan to include procedures to be followed in case of fire, severe weather,~~or~~ earthquake, or **in response to a violent intruder or threat of a violent intruder**~~if a building lockdown~~ as defined in KRS 158.164~~is required~~. **The emergency plan shall be prepared:**

**1. In conjunction with local first responder standards and resources; and**

**2. Drawing upon best practices as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the United States Department of Homeland Security, or other nationally recognized public safety agencies.**

(b) Following adoption, the emergency plan, along with a diagram of the facility, shall be provided to appropriate first responders.

(c) The emergency plan shall be reviewed following the end of each school year by the school council, the principal, and first responders and shall be revised as needed.

(d) The principal shall discuss the emergency plan with all school staff prior to the first instructional day of each school year and shall document the time and date of any discussion.

(e) The emergency plan and diagram of the facility shall be excluded from the

application of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

(3) Each local board of education shall require the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each public school building to:

- (a) Establish primary and secondary evacuation routes for all rooms located within the school and shall post the routes in each room by any doorway used for evacuation;
- (b) Identify severe weather safe zones to be reviewed by the local fire marshal or fire chief and post the location of safe zones in each room of the school;
- (c) Develop practices for students to follow during an earthquake; and
- (d) Develop and adhere to practices to control the access to each school building.

Practices may include but not be limited to:

1. Controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day;
2. Controlling the front entrance of the school electronically or with a greeter;
3. Controlling access to individual classrooms. If a classroom is equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside, the door should remain locked during instructional time;
4. Requiring all visitors to report to the front office of the building, provide valid identification, and state the purpose of the visit; and
5. Providing a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer garment.

(4) Each local board of education shall require the principal in each public school building in its jurisdiction to conduct, at a minimum, emergency response drills to include one (1) severe weather drill, one (1) earthquake drill, and one (1) **violent intruder**~~lockdown~~ drill within the first thirty (30) instructional days of each school year and again during the month of January. Required fire drills shall be conducted

according to administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction. Whenever possible, first responders shall be invited to observe ***and coordinate*** emergency response drills.

- (5) No later than November 1 of each school year, a local district superintendent shall send verification to the Kentucky Department of Education that all schools within the district are in compliance with the requirements of this section.

➔Section 2. KRS 158.164 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this section, "***violent intruder***~~[building lockdown]~~" means ***a person armed with a weapon and threatening or actively engaged in hostile behavior***~~[to restrict the mobility of building occupants to maintain their safety and care]~~.
- (2) Each local board of education shall require the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each public school building in its jurisdiction to establish procedures to perform a ***violent intruder drill***~~[building lockdown]~~, including protective measures to be taken during and immediately following the ***awareness of a violent intruder***~~[lockdown]~~. Local ***first responder***~~[law enforcement]~~ agencies shall be invited to assist in establishing ***emergency response***~~[lockdown]~~ procedures ***specified in Section 1(2)(a) of this Act.***
- (3) Students, certified staff, and classified staff shall be informed annually of ***emergency response***~~[building lockdown]~~ procedures.
- (4) A ***violent intruder drill***~~[building lockdown practice]~~ shall be held at least twice during each school year, with at least one (1) ***drill***~~[practice]~~ being held within the first thirty (30) instructional days of the school year and one (1) ***drill***~~[practice]~~ being held during the month of January.