

HOUSE BILL No. 2138

By Committee on Local Government

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1 AN ACT concerning fire safety codes and school lockdown procedures.

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

4 Section 1. (a) The state fire marshal shall conduct a thorough review
5 of existing rules and regulations regarding school lockdown situations, and
6 shall revise those codes to accommodate new and emerging technologies
7 that facilitate school lockdowns.

8 (b) The review and revision shall include:

9 (1) Identifying the types of door locks and other devices and
10 procedures available currently in the marketplace, that will meet existing
11 fire safety codes during intruder situations;

12 (2) collaborating with the state board of education and various unified
13 school districts to develop new, cost-effective strategies that will enable
14 classrooms to quickly and securely adapt to an intruder situation; and

15 (3) revising fire codes annually to accommodate newly developed
16 technologies that will enable classrooms to quickly and securely adapt to
17 an intruder situation.

18 (c) Copies of revised rules and regulations shall be made available to
19 every unified school district in this state.

20 (d) In the event that a conflict exists between a lockdown procedure
21 approved by a local school board, and local fire codes, deference will be
22 given to the unified school district-approved procedure.

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