

School Safety Drills; SB 128

SB 128 amends law related to the minimum number of safety drills required to be conducted in schools each school year.

The bill requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and regulations requiring administrators of public and private schools and educational institutions, except community colleges, colleges, and universities, to conduct at least four fire drills, two tornado drills (one in September and one in March), and three crisis drills each school year.

The bill requires the three crisis drills to be conducted at some time during school hours, aside from the regular dismissal at the close of the day's session. [*Note:* Continuing law requires fire and tornado drills to be conducted at some time during school hours, aside from the regular dismissal at the close of the day's session.] The bill states the manner in which such crisis drills are conducted may be subject to approval by the Safe and Secure Schools Unit of the Kansas State Department of Education.

The bill authorizes the State Fire Marshal to grant an exemption pursuant to KSA 31-136 authorizing a variance for the number or manner of fire drills, tornado drills, and crisis drills for students receiving special education or related services.