



2019 SENATE BILL 56

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1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 118.07 (2) (a); and *to create* 118.07 (2) (a) 2.
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** fire, tornado, and school safety drills for public and
3 private schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the person having direct charge of any public or private school must drill all pupils in what to do in the case of a fire, tornado, and school safety incident. Current law requires that these drills be conducted without previous warning. Under this bill, the person having direct charge of the public or private school may provide previous warning of any of these drills if he or she determines that providing previous warning of the drill is in the best interest of pupils attending the school.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 118.07 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 118.07 (2) (a) 1. and
5 amended to read:
6 118.07 (2) (a) 1. Once each month, without previous warning, the person having
7 direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method

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1 of departure from the building in case of a fire, except when the person having direct
2 charge deems that the health of the pupils may be endangered by inclement weather
3 conditions. At least twice annually, without previous warning, the person having
4 direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method
5 of evacuation to a safe location in case of a tornado or other hazard. At least twice
6 annually, without previous warning, the person having direct charge of any public
7 or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of evacuation or other
8 appropriate action in case of a school safety incident. The public and private school
9 safety drill shall be based on the school safety plan adopted under sub. (4). A safety
10 drill may be substituted for any other drill required under this ~~paragraph~~
11 subdivision. The school board or governing body of the private school shall maintain
12 for at least 7 years a record of each fire drill, tornado or other hazard drill, and school
13 safety drill conducted.

14 **SECTION 2.** 118.07 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

15 118.07 (2) (a) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., if a person having direct charge of
16 a public or private school determines that providing previous warning of a drill
17 required under subd. 1. is in the best interest of pupils attending the school, the
18 person having direct charge of the public or private school may provide previous
19 warning of the drill.

20 (END)