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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to fire drills and lockdown and shelter in place drills

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The section heading of section 807 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 765 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 Fire, SHELTER IN PLACE AND LOCKDOWN drills.
5 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 807 of the education law, as amended by
6 chapter 143 of the laws of 1985, is amended and a new subdivision 1-b is
7 added to read as follows:
8 1. It shall be the duty of the principal or other person in charge of
9 every public or private school or educational institution within the
10 state, other than colleges or universities, to instruct and train the
11 pupils by means of drills, so that they may in a sudden emergency be
12 able to leave the school building in the shortest possible time and
13 without confusion or panic. Such drills or rapid dismissals shall be
14 held at least [twelve] EIGHT times in each school year, [eight] SIX of
15 which required drills shall be held between September first and December
16 first of each such year. At least one-third of all such required drills
17 shall be through use of the fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes
18 are provided. In the course of at least one such drill, pupils shall be
19 instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire
20 occurs during lunch period, provided however, that such additional
21 instruction may be waived where a drill is held during the regular
22 school lunch period. At least [four] TWO additional drills shall be held
23 in each school year during the hours after sunset and before sunrise in
24 school buildings in which students are provided with sleeping accommo-
25 dations. At least two additional drills shall be held during summer
26 school in buildings where summer school is conducted, and one of such
27 drills shall be held during the first week of summer school.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 1-B. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PRINCIPAL OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE
2 OF EVERY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WITHIN THE
3 STATE, OTHER THAN COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES, TO INSTRUCT AND TRAIN PUPILS
4 BY MEANS OF DRILLS, SO THAT THEY MAY KNOW THE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO BE
5 TAKEN IN AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING THEM TO REMAIN INSIDE OF A SCHOOL BUILD-
6 ING. SUCH LOCKDOWN DRILLS SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST TWO TIMES IN EACH
7 SCHOOL YEAR, ONE DRILL SHALL BE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER FIRST AND DECEM-
8 BER FIRST OF EACH SUCH SCHOOL YEAR, AND AT LEAST ONE SUCH ADDITIONAL
9 DRILL SHALL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SUMMER SCHOOL. SUCH SHEL-
10 TER IN PLACE DRILLS SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST TWO TIMES IN EACH SCHOOL
11 YEAR, ONE SUCH DRILL SHALL BE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER FIRST AND DECEMBER
12 FIRST OF EACH SUCH SCHOOL YEAR AND AT LEAST ONE SUCH ADDITIONAL DRILL
13 SHALL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SUMMER SCHOOL.

14 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
15 the date on which it shall have become a law.