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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school emergency response drills

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 807 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of part B of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

1. It shall be the duty of the principal or other person in charge of every public or private school or educational institution within the state, other than colleges or universities, to instruct and train the pupils by means of drills, so that they may in a sudden emergency be able to respond appropriately in the shortest possible time and without confusion or panic. Such drills shall be held at least twelve times in each school year, eight of which required drills shall be held between September first and December thirty-first of each such year. Eight of all such drills shall be evacuation drills, four of which shall be through use of the fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes are provided or through the use of identified secondary means of egress. Four of all such required drills shall be [~~lock-down~~] **emergency response** drills. **Emergency response drills shall include drills to respond to an active shooter or other lethal attacker at the school, or an attack using explosives, biological, chemical or radiological agents.** Drills shall be conducted at different times of the school day**, with at least one of the eight required evacuation drills occurring during a mass gathering event such as lunch or assemblies**. Pupils shall be instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire occurs during

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

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the lunch period or assembly, provided however, that such additional instruction may be waived where a drill is held during the regular school lunch period or assembly. Four additional drills shall be held in each school year during the hours after sunset and before sunrise in school buildings in which students are provided with sleeping accommodations. At least two additional drills shall be held during summer school in buildings where summer school is conducted, and one of such drills shall be held during the first week of summer school.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.