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Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing active shooter drills at public and private educational institutions

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 **emergency attack drills, with two of such drills being** lock-down drills **and two of such drills being active shooter drills. Upon request of the principal or other person in charge of such public or private educational institution, the New York state school safety improvement teams, established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred one-b of this chapter, shall provide recommendations on how to perform such lock-down and active shooter drills at such public or private educational institution**. Drills shall be conducted at different times of the school day. Pupils shall be instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire occurs during the lunch period or assembly, provided however, that such additional

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

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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 immediately.