

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 648 of 2003
SENATE BILL 452

5 By: Senators Steele, B. Johnson, Salmon, Lavery, Brown
6 By: Representatives Fite, C. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP A
11 PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND
12 EMPLOYEES IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK OR
13 WAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY
17 OF STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE EVENT
18 OF A TERRORIST ATTACK OR WAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1301(c), concerning the powers and
25 duties of the Safe Schools Committee, is amended to read as follows:

26 (c) The committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

27 (1)(A) To develop model policies and procedures which may ensure
28 a safe and productive learning environment for students and school employees
29 for recommendation to school districts; the procedures shall focus on
30 ensuring the security of students and school employees and shall include
31 techniques for prevention, intervention, and conflict resolution+.

32 (B)(i) The model policies and procedures shall include
33 emergency plans for terrorists attacks, specifically including contingency
34 plans for attacks using biological agents, nerve gas, or similar chemical
35 agents, and war;"

36 (ii) To the extent practical, the model plans should



1 include practice drills.

2 (2) Recommend to the State Board of Education any necessary
3 rules and regulations for ensuring a safe school environment; and

4 (3) Recommend to the House and Senate Interim Committees on
5 Education any necessary legislation for ensuring a safe school environment.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 13 is amended
8 to add an additional section to read as follows:

9 6-15-1302. Emergency plans for terrorists attacks.

10 (a) On or before January 1, 2004, every school district shall develop
11 plans to provide for the safety of employees and students in the event of a
12 terrorist attack, specifically including contingency plans for attacks using
13 biological agents, the use of nerve gas, or similar chemical agents,
14 affecting the school and in the event of war affecting the school.

15 (b) To the extent practical, students should participate in practice
16 drills executing the plans.

17 /s/ Steele, et al

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