2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 54


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

SECTION 1. 118.07 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 118.07 (2) (a) 1. and amended to read:

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

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

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

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