



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

# Bill Draft 2017-SAz-26: Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *The draft bill would require various alternative forms of public schools to adopt School Risk Management Plans (SRMPs), hold annual school safety exercises, and provide school safety information to local law enforcement as well as the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety. All nonpublic schools would be encouraged to go through the same steps.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Prior to 2015, local school boards, charter schools, and regional schools were encouraged to adopt School Risk Management Plan (SRMPs). Local boards, but not charter schools or regional schools, were encouraged to hold school safety drills based on the SRMP. Local boards, but not charter schools or regional schools were required to provide to local law enforcement and to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety (Division) schematic diagrams and emergency access keys to all school buildings.

In 2015, the General Assembly made adoption of SRMPs mandatory for all schools within the jurisdiction of a local board of education and required an annual school-wide tabletop exercise and drill based on the SMRP. Charter schools and regional schools were encouraged to hold annual school-wide tabletop exercises and drills and to provide to local law enforcement and to the schematic diagrams and emergency access keys to all school buildings. In 2017, when the General Assembly created lab schools within the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina, it treated them like charter schools and regional schools, i.e., the lab schools were encouraged to adopt SRMPs, hold annual school safety tabletop drills, and provide plans and keys to local law enforcement and the Division.

There are no statutes related to other nonpublic schools that are related to school safety.

**BILL ANALYSIS: Sections 1, 2, and 3** address charter schools, regional schools, and lab schools and requires each to meet all the school safety requirements that exist for traditional public schools. These include adoption of SRMPs, annual school-wide tabletop drills and exercises, and provision of schematic diagrams of the schools to local law enforcement and the Division.

**Sections 4 and 5** encourage religious schools and other nonpublic schools to adopt SRMPs, hold school safety exercises and provide schematic diagrams to local law enforcement and the Division.

**Section 6** is a conforming change.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act becomes effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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