

HOUSE BILL No. 4460

March 8, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Van Regenmorter, Kahn, Taub and Caswell and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1941 PA 207, entitled
"Fire prevention code,"
by amending the title and section 19 (MCL 29.19), the title as amended by 1984 PA 314 and section 19 as amended by 1998 PA 45.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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TITLE

An act to provide for the prevention of fires and the protection of persons and property from exposure to the dangers of fire or explosion; to authorize the investigation of fires and the discovery of crime or other offenses in relation thereto; to require the razing, repair, or alteration of buildings, and the clearing and improvement of premises which constitute a fire hazard or a menace to the peace, security, or safety of persons or

1 property; to control the construction, use, and occupancy of ~~these~~
2 buildings and premises ~~for~~ **IN RELATION TO SAFETY, INCLUDING** fire
3 safety; ~~purposes;~~ to provide for the certification of fire
4 inspectors and the delegation of certain powers to those certified
5 fire inspectors; to provide for the regulation of the storage and
6 transportation of hazardous material; to provide for the issuance
7 of certificates; to prohibit the use of certain fire extinguishers
8 and fire extinguishing agents; to provide immunity from liability
9 for certain persons; to provide for the administration of this act
10 and prescribe procedure for the enforcement of its provisions; to
11 fix penalties for violation of this act; to provide for the
12 promulgation of rules; to provide for the assessment of fees; and
13 to repeal ~~certain~~ acts and parts of acts.

14 Sec. 19. (1) The chief administrative officer and the teachers
15 of all schools, including state supported schools, colleges, and
16 universities and the owner, or owner's representative, of all
17 school dormitories shall have a fire drill each month and keep all
18 doors and exits unlocked during school hours, and when the school
19 is open to the public. Each teacher in a school, including a state
20 supported school, college, or university and the owner or owner's
21 representative of a dormitory shall comply with these requirements
22 and keep a record of the drills.

23 (2) A minimum of ~~8~~ 6 fire drills is required for each school
24 year. If weather conditions do not permit fire drills to be held at
25 least once a month, then at least ~~5~~ 4 fire drills shall be held
26 in the fall of each year and ~~3~~ 2 fire drills shall be held during
27 the remaining part of the school year.

1 (3) A minimum of 2 tornado safety drills is required for each
2 school year at the schools and facilities described in subsection
3 (1). These drills shall be conducted for the purpose of preventing
4 fires and related hazards and injuries caused by severe weather.

5 **(4) A MINIMUM OF 2 LOCKDOWN DRILLS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH**
6 **SCHOOL YEAR AT THE SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION**
7 **(1). A LOCKDOWN DRILL SHALL BE CONDUCTED TO REQUIRE THE CONFINEMENT**
8 **OF THE STUDENTS, SECURING OF THE PREMISES, OR OTHER SECURITY**
9 **MEASURES AS APPROPRIATE TO AN EMERGENCY SUCH AS THE RELEASE OF A**
10 **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR THE PRESENCE OF AN ARMED INDIVIDUAL ON OR**
11 **NEAR THE PREMISES.**

12 (5) ~~—(4)—~~ The state fire marshal or the chief of the fire
13 department or a fire fighter in uniform acting under orders and
14 directions of the fire chief may cause fire drills to be held in
15 school houses, school dormitories, and other public buildings as
16 the state fire marshal considers advisable. The state fire marshal
17 may order the installation of other protective apparatus or
18 equipment that conforms to recognized and approved modern
19 practices.