

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2016 SESSION

CHAPTER 524

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-137 and 22.1-137.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public schools; fire drills; lock-down drills.

[H 1279]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 22.1-137 and 22.1-137.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-137. Fire drills.

In every public school there shall be a fire drill at least ~~once every week~~ *twice* during the first ~~twenty~~ 20 school days of each school session, ~~and more often if necessary~~, in order that pupils may be thoroughly practiced in such drills. ~~During~~ *Every public school shall hold at least two additional fire drills during the remainder of the school session* ~~fire drills shall be held at least monthly.~~

§ 22.1-137.2. Lock-down drills.

In every public school there shall be ~~at least two~~ *a* lock-down drills ~~every school year~~ *drill at least twice during the first 20 school days of each school session*, in order that students may be thoroughly practiced in such drills. ~~One lock-down drill shall be completed in September of each school year and one lock-down drill shall be completed in January of each school year~~ *Every public school shall hold at least two additional lock-down drills during the remainder of the school session.* Lock-down plans and drills shall be in compliance with the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.).