

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 1040

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

[H 402]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

§ 22.1-137.2. Lock-down drills.

A. In every public school there shall be a lock-down drill at least twice during the first 20 school days of each school session, in order that students *and teachers* may be thoroughly practiced in such drills. Every public school shall hold at least ~~two~~ *one* additional lock-down drills ~~during the remainder~~ *drill after the first 60 days* of the school session. ~~Lock-down plans and drills shall be in compliance with the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.)~~

B. *Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students shall be exempt from mandatory participation in lock-down drills during the first 60 days of the school session. Local school boards shall develop policies to implement such exemption. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, each pre-kindergarten and kindergarten student shall participate in each lock-down drill after the first 60 days of each school session.*