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HOUSE BILL NO. 402

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee
on March 5, 2020)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Keam)

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

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.*

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