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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK OR WAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK OR WAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1301(c), concerning the powers and duties of the Safe Schools Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

(1)(A) To develop model policies and procedures which may ensure a safe and productive learning environment for students and school employees for recommendation to school districts; the procedures shall focus on ensuring the security of students and school employees and shall include techniques for prevention, intervention, and conflict resolution;

(B)(i) The model policies and procedures shall include emergency plans for terrorists attacks, specifically including contingency plans for attacks using biological agents, nerve gas, or similar chemical agents, and war;"

(ii) To the extent practical, the model plans should include practice drills.

(2) Recommend to the State Board of Education any necessary rules and regulations for ensuring a safe school environment; and

(3) Recommend to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education any necessary legislation for ensuring a safe school environment.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 13 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-15-1302. Emergency plans for terrorists attacks.

(a) On or before January 1, 2004, every school district shall develop plans to provide for the safety of employees and students in the event of a terrorist attack, specifically including contingency plans for attacks using biological agents, the use of nerve gas, or similar chemical agents, affecting the school and in the event of war affecting the school.

(b) To the extent practical, students should participate in practice drills executing the plans.

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