

Amendment No. 1 to HB1644

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1679

House Bill No. 1644*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-807, is amended by designating subsection (e) as subsection (f) and adding the following as a new subsection (e):

(e)

(1) Each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school shall develop a procedure for determining the cause of a fire alarm activation, including the potential for an active shooter event. The procedure must be developed in consultation with local fire department and law enforcement officials and must comply with applicable fire and building codes. The procedure must include response procedures for students and school staff, including substitute teachers and other part-time staff and school volunteers, after a determination is made regarding whether the emergency situation involves a fire, an active shooter, or other incident. Each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school shall annually train all school staff, including substitute teachers and other part-time staff and school volunteers, on the safety procedure developed pursuant to this subsection (e).

(2) Each LEA, and to the extent applicable, each public charter school, shall coordinate with its district-wide school safety team and building-level school safety team to incorporate the procedure developed pursuant to this subsection (e) in its district-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plan.

(3) Each procedure developed pursuant to this subsection (e) must be implemented no later than January 1, 2025, and must be annually reviewed and updated, if necessary, to ensure the procedure reflects best practices for the safety of students and school staff, including substitute teachers and other part-time staff and school volunteers.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.