

**STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL TO ACTIVE THREATS
IN SCHOOLS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dan N. Johnson

Senate Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill codifies and expands on existing administrative rules related to required emergency drills in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- codifies portions of existing administrative rules made by the State Board of Education (state board) regarding required emergency preparedness plans, emergency response plans, training, and drills; ~~§→ [→ requires monthly and developmentally appropriate training or drills regarding an active threat within the school; and] ←§~~ **§→ and ←§**
- grants certain rulemaking authority to the state board.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53G-8-803, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. Section **53G-8-803** is enacted to read:

31 **53G-8-803. Standard response protocol to active threats in schools.**

32 The state board shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
33 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

34 (1) require an LEA or school to develop emergency preparedness plans and emergency
35 response plans that include developmentally appropriate training for students and adults
36 regarding:

37 (a) active threats;

38 (b) emergency preparedness;

39 (c) drills as required under Subsection [15A-5-202.5](#); and

40 (d) standard response protocols coordinated with community stakeholders;

41 (2) identify the necessary components of emergency preparedness and response plans,
42 including underlying standard response protocols and emerging best practices for an
43 emergency; and

44 (3) define what constitutes an "active threat" and "developmentally appropriate" for
45 purposes of the emergency response training described in this section.

46 Section 2. **Effective date.**

47 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2023.