

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

3   2023 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

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10   **LONG TITLE**

11   **General Description:**

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

14   **Highlighted Provisions:**

15                   This bill:

16                   ▶ defines terms;

17                   ▶ codifies portions of existing administrative rules made by the State Board of  
18   Education (state board) regarding required emergency preparedness plans,  
19   emergency response plans, training, and drills; and

20                   ▶ grants certain rulemaking authority to the state board.

21   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22                   None

23   **Other Special Clauses:**

24                   This bill provides a special effective date.

25   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26   ENACTS:

27                   **53G-8-803**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

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

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

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

(a) active threats;

(b) emergency preparedness;

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

(d) standard response protocols coordinated with community stakeholders;

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

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

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2023.