

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

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dan N. Johnson

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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
- 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



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.