WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 2819

By Delegates Toney, Ellington, and Statler

[By Request of the Department of Homeland Security]

[Introduced January 19, 2023; Referred to the

Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency

Medical Services then Education]

1   A BILL to amend and reenact §18-9F-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating

2   to adding State Fire Marshals to the statute to be included with law enforcement along with

3   local law enforcement and first responders that receive information related to school safety

4   requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE   9F.   SCHOOL   ACCESS   SAFETY   ACT.

§18-9F-10. School safety requirements.

1   In addition to any other requirement contained in this article or the Crisis Response Plan

2   required by §18-9F-9 of this code, each county board of education shall implement a school safety

3   program before September 1, 2019, that at a minimum, requires:

4   (1) Room numbers to be placed on exterior walls or windows of school buildings, so rooms

5   with exterior walls can be identified by law enforcement, ~~and~~ first responders, and State Fire

6   Marshals from the outside;

7   (2) Providing updated floor plans of the school to first responders, ~~and~~ local law

8   enforcement, and State Fire Marshals by September 1 of each school year;

9   (3) First aid training for all school personnel and students each school year; and

10   (4) Active shooter training for all school personnel and students at the beginning of each

11   school year.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to include State Fire Marshals in the code section with local law enforcement and first responders that receive information related to school safety requirements. This bill was recommended for passage in the 2023 regular session by the Department of Homeland Security.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.