

## Chapter 188

(House Bill 983)

AN ACT concerning

### Public Schools – Emergency Management Plans – Evaluations

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to evaluate the ~~effectiveness of the~~ emergency management plan in each public school under the jurisdiction of the county board on or before a certain date; requiring each county board of education to report to the State Department of Education on a certain evaluation on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to make a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the evaluation of emergency management plans in the public schools in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–435

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### Article – Education

**7–435.**

**(A) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS IN THE STATE HAVE A SAFE AND SECURE PLACE TO LEARN, ON OR BEFORE ~~NOVEMBER 1, 2013~~ FEBRUARY 1, 2014, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL EVALUATE ~~THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE~~ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD, INCLUDING:**

- (1) TRAINING ACTIVITIES;**
- (2) EMERGENCY SAFETY EXERCISES;**
- (3) SCHOOL SECURITY CAMERAS;**
- (4) SCHOOL VISITOR POLICIES;**

**(5) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAMS; AND**

**(6) THE COORDINATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, PLANS, AND RESOURCES WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

**(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE ~~DECEMBER 1, 2013~~ MARCH 1, 2014, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A REPORT ON THE EVALUATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

**(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ~~HOW~~:**

**(I) HOW TO IMPROVE ~~THE EFFECTIVENESS OF~~ THE EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS; AND**

**(II) THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS.**

**(C) ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY~~ JULY 1, 2014, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT ON:**

**(1) THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE;**

**(2) RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE ~~EFFECTIVENESS OF THE~~ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS; AND**

**(3) THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 2 months and, at the end of ~~May~~ July 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.**