

# HOUSE BILL 226

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Sprinkler Systems – Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a sprinkler system that meets certain requirements be  
4 installed in each public school building in the State; providing for the application of  
5 certain provisions of law; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to  
6 sprinkler systems in public schools.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 7–408  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Public Safety  
14 Section 9–204  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 7–408.

21 (a) The State Superintendent shall require each county superintendent to hold a  
22 fire drill in each public school in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code  
23 established under § 6–206 of the Public Safety Article.

24 (b) Each public school shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) Keep records of these fire drills; and
- 2 (2) Send a copy to the county superintendent.

3 (C) AS TO REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC  
4 SCHOOL BUILDINGS, § 9-204 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE MAY APPLY.

5 **Article – Public Safety**

6 9-204.

7 (a) Each sprinkler system required under this section shall:

8 (1) be installed in accordance with accepted engineering practices that  
9 meet the standard for the installation of sprinkler systems [in residential occupancies]  
10 under the regulations of the State Fire Prevention Commission or the local authority with  
11 jurisdiction over the enforcement of fire and building codes IN:

12 (I) RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES; OR

13 (II) PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS;

14 (2) meet the requirements of the current National Fire Protection  
15 Association standards; and

16 (3) be approved by the State Fire Marshal or the local authority with  
17 jurisdiction over the enforcement of fire codes.

18 (b) (1) In a jurisdiction in which building permits are issued, a sprinkler  
19 system shall be installed in:

20 (i) each newly constructed dormitory, hotel, lodging or rooming  
21 house, or multifamily residential dwelling for which the initial building permit is issued on  
22 or after July 1, 1990; [and]

23 (ii) each newly constructed town house for which the initial building  
24 permit is issued on or after July 1, 1992; AND

25 (III) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

26 (2) In a jurisdiction in which building permits are not issued, a sprinkler  
27 system shall be installed in:

28 (i) each dormitory, hotel, lodging or rooming house, or multifamily  
29 residential dwelling on which construction begins on or after July 1, 1990; [and]

1 (ii) each town house on which construction begins on or after July 1,  
2 1992; AND

3 (III) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

4 (c) If a dwelling unit is not serviced by a public water system, subsections (a) and  
5 (b) of this section do not apply.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2018.