

SENATE BILL 465

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CF HB 1186

By: **Senators King, Ferguson, Guzzone, Kagan, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nonpublic Schools – Fire Drill Requirements – State Fire Prevention Code**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each nonpublic school in the State to hold fire drills in
4 accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code, keep records of the fire drills, and
5 send copies of the records to the State Board of Education; and generally relating to
6 fire drills in nonpublic schools.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–408.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Public Safety

14 Section 6–206(a)(1) and (d)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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 **7–408.1.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(A) EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE SHALL HOLD FIRE DRILLS IN**
2 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE ESTABLISHED UNDER §**
3 **6–206 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**

4 **(B) EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL:**

5 **(1) KEEP RECORDS OF THESE FIRE DRILLS; AND**

6 **(2) SEND A COPY OF THE RECORDS TO THE STATE BOARD.**

7 **Article – Public Safety**

8 6–206.

9 (a) (1) (i) To protect life and property from the hazards of fire and
10 explosion, the Commission shall adopt comprehensive regulations as a State Fire
11 Prevention Code.

12 (ii) The State Fire Prevention Code shall comply with standard safe
13 practice as embodied in widely recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and
14 fire protection.

15 (iii) The State Fire Prevention Code has the force and effect of law in
16 the political subdivisions of the State.

17 (d) (1) The State Fire Prevention Code establishes the minimum requirements
18 to protect life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion.

19 (2) If a State or local law or regulation is more stringent than the State
20 Fire Prevention Code, the more stringent law or regulation governs if the more stringent
21 law or regulation is:

22 (i) not inconsistent with the State Fire Prevention Code; and

23 (ii) not contrary to recognized standards and good engineering
24 practices.

25 (3) If there is a question whether a State or local law or regulation governs,
26 the decision of the Commission determines:

27 (i) which law or regulation governs; and

28 (ii) whether State and local officials have complied with the State
29 Fire Prevention Code.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.