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§7-1509.

(a) The Department, in consultation with the Subcabinet, may adopt regulations to incorporate in the annual schedule of drills for each local school system developmentally and age-appropriate components of:

(1) The Active Shooter Preparedness Program developed by the Department of Homeland Security or guidelines; or

(2) The active shooter guidelines adopted by the Maryland Active Assailant Work Group established under Executive Order 01.01.2018.08.

(b) Drills incorporated into the annual schedule of drills under subsection (a) of this section may include developmentally and age-appropriate procedures for students or school personnel in:

(1) Securing classrooms;

(2) Barricading classrooms and school entries;

(3) Taking refuge in the classroom; and

(4) When appropriate, escape from the classroom or school.

(c) The Department shall notify the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Legislative Policy Committee of proposed changes to regulations that alter the annual schedule of drills as provided under this section.

(d) Each local school system shall collaborate with the local law enforcement agency to establish policies for responding to an emergency at each public school in the county.

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