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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; school safety; violent intruder model policy

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Agency of Education, in consultation with stakeholder groups, including mental health professionals, the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Principals' Association, Vermont-NEA, law enforcement officials, and representatives of families and caregivers, to establish a model policy regarding school safety for violent intruders for all Vermont school districts.

The model policy shall require:

(A) that school safety drills for violent intruders:

(i) be trauma-informed and age appropriate;

(ii) involve school-based mental health professionals;

(iii) be prohibited for students in grades below 9th grade; and

(iv) do not mimic an actual incident or require students in 9th grade or above, including college and university students, to physically practice being in a lockdown; and

1 (B) that school districts provide advance notice of any drills to parents and
2 caregivers and track the efficacy of drills and their effects on students and
3 staff.

4 Each school board shall develop, adopt, and ensure implementation of, and
5 make available in the manner described in 16 V.S.A. § 563(1), a school safety
6 policy for violent intruders that shall be at least as comprehensive as the model
7 policy established by the Agency of Education. Any school board that fails to
8 adopt such a policy shall be presumed to have adopted the most current model
9 policy published by the Agency of Education.

10 An act relating to the creation of a model policy regarding school safety and
11 violent intruders

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)