



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Sabrina Moore, PhD, Director, Student Intervention Services
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DATE: August 27, 2018

RE: Act 256 of 2018

On July 12, 2018, Governor Henry McMaster signed into law Senate Bill 709 (Act 256), which sets guidelines for the development and implementation of safety procedures in schools.

Beginning in School Year 2018–19, all public schools shall conduct two active shooter/intruder drills and two severe weather/earthquake drills with one of each drill occurring in the fall semester and once of each drill occurring in the spring semester. This is in addition to the monthly fire drills required by § 405.2 of the S.C. Fire Code.

Accompanying this memo are the guidelines for active shooter/intruder drills developed by the South Carolina Department of Education and State Law Enforcement Division per the legislation. These guidelines must be included in annual teacher collegial professional development.

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