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H.B. No. 4685

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4685:

By: Bell of Montgomery

C.S.H.B. No. 4685

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fire safety inspections at public and private schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 419.029, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 419.029. TRAINING CURRICULUM. (a) The commission may establish minimum curriculum requirements for preparatory, in-service, and advanced courses and programs for a school operated by or for this state or a local government specifically for training fire protection personnel or recruits.

(b) The minimum curriculum requirements established by the commission under Subsection (a) must require training on conducting a fire safety inspection at a public or private school in accordance with Section 419.909.

SECTION 2. Section 419.909, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (b-3) to read as follows:

(b-1) A fire safety inspection of a public or private school, including an open-enrollment charter school, required by a state or local law, rule, regulation, or ordinance must include an examination of each automated external defibrillator, as defined by Section 779.001, Health and Safety Code, on the school campus to determine whether the defibrillator is fully functional, which must include verifying that that defibrillator's pads and battery have not expired and that the defibrillator's status indicator light

1 indicates that the device is ready for use. A representative of the
2 school campus shall present each automated external defibrillator
3 for inspection.

4 (b-2) A person who conducts a fire safety inspection
5 described by Subsection (b-1) must:

6 (1) provide a written report of the inspection and any
7 relevant paperwork pertaining to the findings of the inspection to:

8 (A) if the inspection is of a public school, the
9 principal of the school and the superintendent of the applicable
10 school district; or

11 (B) if the inspection is of a private school, the
12 director of the school; and

13 (2) at the time the person provides the report as
14 required by Subdivision (1), indicate on the report the method by
15 which, and the time and date on which, the person provided the
16 report to the appropriate person under that subdivision.

17 (b-3) The report required under Subsection (b-2) must be
18 filed:

19 (1) at the school campus to which the report relates;
20 and

21 (2) according to the year in which the inspection
22 occurred.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.