STATE OF KANSAS

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SENATE CHAMBER

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move to amend **SB 263**, As Amended by Senate Committee, on page 2, by striking all in lines 13 through 43;

On page 3, by striking all in lines 1 through 24; following line 24, by inserting:

"New Sec. 2. (a) On or before October 1, 2026, the department shall establish and publish best practice guidelines for conducting an active shooter drill in school. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Developmental and age-appropriate design, including appropriate safety vocabulary;

(2) accessibility and accommodations for students with mobility restrictions, sensory needs, developmental or physical disabilities, mental health needs and auditory or visual limitations;

(3) prior notification of parents or persons acting as parents, including options to exempt a student from participation in any such drill;

(4) prohibition of punitive or negative treatment for a student's nonparticipation in any such drill;

(5) prior to commencing an active shooter drill, an announcement that informs students that such drill is practice and that there is no immediate danger;

(6) provision of debriefing time following any active shooter drill before regular classroom activity resumes; and

(7) any other matters that the department determines appropriate to minimize

psychological harm to students while maintaining preparedness.

(b) The department shall review and update the guidelines as necessary and at least once every three years. Any such review shall incorporate current peer-reviewed research, federal agency recommendations and nationally recognized best practices regarding school safety drills and the effects of such drills on student mental health and behavior.

(c) (1) Each board of education or governing body shall adopt polices for the conduct of active shooter drills that are consistent with the guidelines published by the department pursuant to subsection (a).

(2) Once per year, each board of education and governing body shall review the efficacy and effect of active shooter drills and any impacts of such drills on the safety and mental health of students, teachers and other school personnel and staff.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require any school to conduct active shooter drills in a manner that conflicts with the guidelines published by the department pursuant to subsection (a).";

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "establishing"; in line 2, by striking all before "for" and inserting "requiring the department of education to establish guidelines"

Senator _____