

**SENATE BILL No. 264**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; requiring storm shelters as a part of  
2 certain construction projects.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The legislature hereby declares that it is necessary to  
6 provide life-saving protection to all Kansas children in the event of  
7 extreme wind. For those children attending public schools such life-saving  
8 protection comes in the form of sound storm shelters that are constructed  
9 to withstand the extreme wind speeds produced by tornadoes. Therefore,  
10 on or before December 31, 2014, the adjutant general shall adopt rules and  
11 regulations specifying the design and construction requirements for  
12 community storm shelters.

13 (b) On and after January 1, 2015, no school district shall undertake  
14 any *student attendance center* building project unless the plans for such  
15 building project include the construction of a storm shelter to be located in  
16 the building that is the subject of the building project. Such storm shelter  
17 shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the rules and  
18 regulations adopted by the adjutant general pursuant to subsection (a). If  
19 such building has an existing storm shelter that is not in compliance with  
20 the rules and regulations adopted by the adjutant general pursuant to  
21 subsection (a), then the plans for the building project shall include the  
22 remodeling or reconstruction of the existing storm shelter to bring it into  
23 compliance with the rules and regulations adopted by the adjutant general  
24 pursuant to subsection (a).

25 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to *buildings not*  
26 *being used as student attendance centers or* any building project where  
27 the building in question has an existing storm shelter that is in compliance  
28 with the rules and regulations adopted by the adjutant general pursuant to  
29 subsection (a).

30 (d) The state board of education shall coordinate with the adjutant  
31 general to develop, adopt and enforce any rules and regulations necessary  
32 to implement the provisions of this section.

33 (e) For purposes of this section:

34 (1) (A) "Building project" means a project approved by the local  
35 board of education of a school district for:

36 (i) The construction of a new building for use by the school district;

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2 (ii) any remodeling, reconstruction or expansion of an existing  
3 building utilized by the school district if such remodeling, reconstruction  
4 or expansion has an aggregate cost that is equal to 50% or more of the  
5 insured value of such existing building.

6 (B) The term "building project" does not include any project that is  
7 solely for the construction, remodeling, reconstruction or expansion of a  
8 school facility used primarily for extracurricular activities, such as an  
9 athletic field *or buildings not being used as student attendance centers*.

10 (2) "School district" means a unified school district organized and  
11 operating under the laws of this state.

12 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
13 publication in the statute book.