

Date of Hearing: April 7, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Jose Medina, Chair

AB 767 (Santiago) – As Amended March 23, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Community colleges: emergency preparedness standards

**SUMMARY:** Requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to update the emergency preparedness standards. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Requires the CCCCCO to update its emergency preparedness standards for all 72 community college districts (CCD) and 112 California Community College (CCC) campuses to include a response plan for an active shooter on or around a community college campus.
- 2) Requires the CCCCCO, on or before January 1, 2017, and on or before January 1 every five years, to update the emergency standards and guidelines developed, as specified.
- 3) Makes technical changes to existing law.

**EXISTING LAW:** Requires the CCCCCO, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services (OES), to develop emergency preparedness standards and guidelines to assist CCDs and CCCs in the event of a natural disaster, hazardous condition, or terrorist activity on or around a CCC campus; specifies that the standards and guidelines shall be developed in accordance with the Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System, and shall be reviewed by OES in a manner that is consistent with existing policy; and, states, in developing the standards and guidelines, the CCCCCO shall consider, but is not limited to, all of the following components: (1) Information on establishing a campus emergency management team; (2) Provisions regarding overview training for every employee within one year of commencement of employment; (3) Information on specialized training for employees who may be designated as part of an emergency management team; (4) Information on preparedness, prevention, response, recovery, and mitigation policies and procedures; and, (5) Information on coordinating with the appropriate local, state, and federal government authorities, and nongovernmental entities on comprehensive emergency management and preparedness activities (Education Code Section 71095).

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown

**COMMENTS:** *Background.* According to a September 2014 study by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 160 active shooter incidents were identified between the years 2000 and 2013. The FBI study found that of the 160 active shooter incidents, nearly 25 percent occurred in educational environments. Additionally, the study stated that it hopes the numbers will encourage appropriate "civilians to be engaged in discussions and training on decisions they would need to make in an active shooter situation."

*Purpose of this measure.* According to the author, "With the number of active shooter incidents on the rise, institutions of higher education must have a plan in place for such incidents." This measure will require the CCCCCO to include an active shooter response plan in its CCC emergency preparedness standards and guidelines.

*Committee consideration.* The author may wish to consider specifying that the CCCCO review and *update* its emergency standards and guidelines *as necessary* every five years.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Professional Firefighters

**Opposition**

None on File.

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