The California Legislature enacted the Field Act just one month after the earthquake due to the findings that loose subsoils, poor workmanship, and substandard materials all contributed to the failure of schools.

The Field Act and its subsequent revisions authorized the Division of the State Architect (DSA) to review and approve all public school plans and specifications and to furnish general supervision of the construction work.

The California Geological Survey assists the DSA by reviewing geologic hazards affecting schools under the Field Act.

Since the passage of the Field Act, no school has collapsed due to a seismic event, and there has been no loss of life.

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