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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public school safety; to require designated school employees with access to students during the school day to be equipped with mobile emergency rapid response systems that meet certain requirements; to require the State Board of Education to approve vendors and adopt rules; and to authorize the use of various funding sources for the systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as Alyssa's Law.

Section 2. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) EMPLOYEE. An employee of the State Department of Education, any local board of education, or any public charter school who has access to students during the school day. This term includes, but is not limited to, teachers, administrators, administrative staff, custodial staff, maintenance staff, cafeteria staff, nurses, counselors, media specialists, coaches, and bus drivers.

(2) GOVERNING BODY. Each local board of education and the governing body of each public charter school.



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29 (3) MOBILE EMERGENCY RAPID RESPONSE SYSTEM. A device
30 that shall be wearable or in the personal possession of the
31 individual which, upon activation: (i) immediately connects
32 directly to the locally serving public safety answering point;
33 and (ii) provides accurate location information to the room
34 and floor level inside the facility and to specific areas that
35 are part of school grounds including, but not limited to,
36 parking lots, playgrounds, and athletic fields.

37 (4) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT. The same meaning as
38 Section 11-98-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

39 (b) (1) No later than October 1, 2030, and subject to
40 annual dedicated school safety funds, each governing body
41 shall:

42 a. Adopt a policy designating which employees in the
43 corresponding school system must be equipped with a mobile
44 emergency rapid response system and when that system must be
45 worn; and

46 b. Equip each designated employee with a mobile
47 emergency rapid response system. When activated by an
48 employee, the system must immediately connect to school system
49 or school emergency services and the local public safety
50 answering point.

51 (2) Each governing body shall provide regular training
52 to employees on the use of the mobile emergency rapid response
53 system used by the school.

54 (c) (1) The State Board of Education shall develop a
55 list of approved vendors from which each governing body may
56 purchase approved mobile emergency rapid response systems. No



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57 vendor may be approved if the vendor manufactures any covered
58 equipment or services, as determined by the Federal
59 Communication Commission's List of Equipment and Services
60 Covered by Section 2 of the Secure and Trusted Communications
61 Networks Act of 2019, Public Law 116-124.

62 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
63 administer this section.

64 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
65 contrary, each governing body may use funding from any of the
66 following sources to comply with this section:

67 (1) The K-12 Capital Grant Program created pursuant to
68 Section 29-4-51, Code of Alabama 1975.

69 (2) The Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology
70 Fund created pursuant to Section 29-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975.

71 (3) The School Security and Fire Safety Fund created
72 pursuant to Section 3 of Act 2024-356, 2024 Regular Session,
73 now appearing as Section 16-22B-3, Code of Alabama 1975.

74 (4) Any other available funds or funding sources.

75 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
76 1, 2025.



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