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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require each local board of education and the governing body of each charter school to provide each designated school employee with access to students during the school day with mobile emergency rapid response systems no later than October 1, 2030, and provide training to employees on the systems.

This bill would require the State Board of Education to develop a list of approved vendors and adopt rules.

This bill would also authorize the use of certain funds for purchasing and use of mobile emergency rapid response systems.

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.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
31 following terms have the following meanings:

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

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

41 (3) MOBILE EMERGENCY RAPID RESPONSE SYSTEM. A wearable  
42 device that, upon activation: (i) connects directly to the  
43 locally serving public safety answering point; and (ii)  
44 provides accurate location information to the room and floor  
45 level inside the facility and to specific areas that are part  
46 of school grounds including, but not limited to, parking lots,  
47 playgrounds, and athletic fields.

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

50 (b) (1) No later than October 1, 2030, each governing  
51 body shall:

52 a. Adopt a policy designating which employees in the  
53 corresponding school system must be equipped with a mobile  
54 emergency rapid response system and when that system must be  
55 worn; and

56 b. Equip each designated employee with a mobile



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57 emergency rapid response system. When activated by an  
58 employee, the system must immediately connect to school system  
59 or school emergency services and the local public safety  
60 answering point.

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

64 (c) (1) The State Board of Education shall develop a  
65 list of approved vendors from which each governing body may  
66 purchase approved mobile emergency rapid response systems. No  
67 vendor may be approved if the vendor manufactures any covered  
68 equipment or services, as determined by the Federal  
69 Communication Commission's List of Equipment and Services  
70 Covered by Section 2 of the Secure and Trusted Communications  
71 Networks Act of 2019, Public Law 116-124.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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85                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
86    1, 2025.