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1 HB187
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would require each local board of
6 education and the governing body of each charter school
7 to provide each designated school employee who has
8 access to students during the school day with mobile
9 emergency rapid response systems no later than October
10 1, 2030, and provide training to employees on the
11 systems.

12 This bill would require the State Superintendent
13 of Education to develop a list of approved vendors.

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

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to public school safety; to require designated
24 school employees who have access to students during the school
25 day to be equipped with mobile emergency rapid response
26 systems that meet certain requirements; to require the State
27 Superintendent of Education to approve vendors; and to
28 authorize the use of various funding sources for the systems.



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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.

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

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

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

a. Adopt a policy designating which employees in the



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corresponding school system will be equipped with a mobile emergency rapid response system and when that system must be worn or kept in the personal possession of the individual; and

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

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

(3) No policy adopted pursuant to this section may require an employee to use his or her cell phone or other personal device to comply with the requirements of the policy, provided that a governing body may adopt a policy that gives employees the option to use a personal device to comply if:

a. The governing body provides each employee with written notification that the use of a personal device is not required; and

b. The employee signs a consent form to indicate that the employee opts in to the use of his or her personal device to comply with the policy.

(c) The State Superintendent of Education shall develop a list of approved vendors from which each governing body may purchase approved mobile emergency rapid response systems.

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



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

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

89 (3) The School Security and Fire Safety Fund created
90 pursuant to Section 16-22B-3, Code of Alabama 1975.

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

92 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
93 1, 2026.