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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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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

56 a. Adopt a policy designating which employees in the



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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