

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to panic alarms in public schools;
 3 providing a short title; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.;
 4 requiring each public school, including charter
 5 schools, to implement a panic alert system for
 6 specified purposes; providing requirements for such
 7 system; providing an appropriation; providing
 8 Department of Education requirements for such
 9 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. This act may be cited as "Alyssa's Law."

14 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
 15 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), and
 16 a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

17 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
 18 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
 19 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
 20 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
 21 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
 22 welfare of students, including:

23 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

24 (c) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, each public
 25 elementary, middle, and high school campus, including charter

26 | schools, must be equipped with a panic alert system for use in a
27 | life-threatening emergency, including active assailant
28 | situations, that can be activated anywhere on campus. Upon
29 | activation, the panic alert system, which shall be referred to
30 | as "Alyssa's Alert," must immediately transmit a signal or
31 | message to a public safety answering point, as defined in s.
32 | 365.172(3). The panic alert system shall allow communication
33 | between the individual initiating the alert and the public
34 | safety answering point.

35 | Section 3. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of \$8
36 | million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
37 | Revenue Fund to the Department of Education to implement the
38 | panic alert system, referred to as "Alyssa's Alert," required in
39 | s. 1006.07(4)(c), Florida Statutes. The department shall issue a
40 | competitive solicitation to contract for a panic alert system
41 | that may be used by each school district. The panic alert system
42 | procured under this section must be certified by the United
43 | States Department of Homeland Security under the Support Anti-
44 | Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002.

45 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.