

HB216 INTRODUCED



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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 classroom with silent panic alert technology and provide training to certain school employees on the technology.

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

This bill would also authorize local boards of education and the governing body of each charter school to apply to the K-12 Capital Grant Program for funding.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public school safety; to require silent panic alert technology that meets certain requirements in all public school classrooms; to require the State Board of Education to approve vendors and adopt rules; and to authorize the K-12 Capital Grant Program as a means of funding the technology.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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

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

(2) SILENT PANIC ALERT TECHNOLOGY. A device that: (i) upon activation, connects directly to the locally serving public safety answering point; and (ii) is equipped with GPS technology to allow its exact location to be identified if activated.

(b) (1) Each local board of education and the governing body of each charter school shall provide each classroom in the corresponding school district with silent panic alert technology. When activated by a teacher or other school employee, the panic alert technology shall immediately connect to district or school emergency services and the local public safety answering point.

(2) Each local board of education and the governing body of each charter school shall provide regular training to teachers and other relevant school employees about how to use the silent panic alert technology used by the school.

(c) (1) The State Board of Education shall develop a list of approved vendors from which a local board of education or the governing body of a charter school may purchase silent panic alert technology. No vendor may be approved if the vendor manufactures any covered equipment or services, as determined by the Federal Communication Commission's List of Equipment and Services Covered by Section 2 of the Secure Network Act.



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57 (2) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
58 administer this section.

59 (d) To comply with this section, a local board of
60 education or the governing body of a charter school may apply
61 to the K-12 Capital Grant Program pursuant to Act 2023-389,
62 2023 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 29-4-51, Code
63 of Alabama 1975, for funding.

64 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
65 1, 2024.