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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 who has 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 Superintendent of Education to develop a list of approved vendors.

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

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to public school safety; to require designated school employees who have access to students during the school day to be equipped with mobile emergency rapid response systems that meet certain requirements; to require the State Superintendent of Education to approve vendors; 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. 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
44 school-issued device that shall be wearable or in the personal
45 possession of the individual which, upon activation: (i)
46 immediately connects directly to the locally serving public
47 safety answering point; and (ii) provides accurate location
48 information to the room and floor level inside the facility
49 and to specific areas that are part of school grounds
50 including, but not limited to, parking lots, playgrounds, and
51 athletic fields.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

82 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
83 1, 2026.