

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to panic alarms in public schools;
3 providing a short title; creating s. 1013.373, F.S.;
4 defining terms; requiring each public school building
5 on the campus of a public elementary school, middle
6 school, or high school to be equipped with at least
7 one panic alarm; providing an effective date.

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

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

12 Section 2. Section 1013.373, Florida Statutes, is created
13 to read:

14 1013.373 Panic alarms in public schools.-

15 (1) As used in this section, the term:

16 (a) "Panic alarm" means a silent security system signal
17 generated by the manual activation of a device or an alternative
18 mechanism intended to communicate a life-threatening or
19 emergency situation requiring a response from law enforcement.

20 (b) "Public school building" includes all buildings on a
21 public elementary, middle, or high school campus where
22 instruction takes place or where students are present during the
23 school day.

24 (2) Each public school building must be equipped with at
25 least one panic alarm for use in a school security emergency,
26 including, but not limited to, a nonfire evacuation, lockdown,
27 or active shooter situation. The panic alarm must be directly
28 linked to the local law enforcement agencies that are designated
29 as first responders to the school's campus and must immediately

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30 transmit a signal or message to such authorities upon
31 activation.

32 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.