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Senate

House

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Representative Valdes offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 520 and 521, insert:

(10) PANIC ALARMS.-

(a) Each district school board shall install a panic alarm in each public school within the district. Each public elementary and secondary school building in the district shall be equipped with at least one panic alarm for use in a school security emergency including, but not limited to, a nonfire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter or assailant incident. The panic alarm shall be directly linked to local law enforcement authorities or, in the case of a school building

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14 located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police
15 department, a location designated by the Commissioner of the
16 Department of Law Enforcement and shall immediately transmit a
17 signal or message to such authorities or location upon
18 activation. The panic alarm shall not be audible within the
19 school building.

20 (b) Each public elementary and secondary school building
21 in the district shall be equipped with an emergency light that
22 is linked to the school's panic alarm that turns on when the
23 panic alarm is activated.

24 (c) The Department of Education shall use its bonding
25 authority under s. 215.61 or money from the School Safety Fund
26 to pay for all costs incurred pursuant to this subsection.

27 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the term:

28 1. "Emergency light" means a red light that is affixed to
29 the exterior of a school building in a highly visible location
30 above or near the front entrance or, in the case of a school
31 building that is not clearly visible from the nearest public
32 roadway, located on that public roadway.

33 2. "Panic alarm" means a silent security system signal
34 generated by the manual activation of a device intended to
35 signal a life-threatening or emergency situation requiring a
36 response from local law enforcement.

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Remove line 336 and insert:
amended, and subsections (9) and (10) are added to that section,
to read:

T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Between lines 25 and 26, insert:
requiring district school boards to install panic
alarms and emergency lights in specified buildings
within the school district; providing requirements for
such alarms and lights; providing for funding;
providing definitions;

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