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Senate

House

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Representative Valdes offered the following:

Substitute Amendment for Amendment (174451) (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 school 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

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

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

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

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

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

34 2. "Panic alarm" means a silent security system signal
35 generated by the manual activation of a device intended to
36 signal a life-threatening or emergency situation requiring a
37 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

Remove lines 25-26 and 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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