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02/25/2020	.	
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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Book) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

Section 2. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of
section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
(d), and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to
read:

1006.07 District school board duties relating to student



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11 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
12 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
13 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
14 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
15 welfare of students, including:

16 (4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

17 (c) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, each public
18 elementary, middle, and high school, including charter schools,
19 shall implement an interoperable panic alarm system, as defined
20 in s. 1013.373, that is capable of connecting diverse emergency
21 services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between
22 multiple first responders. Such system, which must be known as
23 “Alyssa’s Alert,” must be integrated with local public safety
24 answering point infrastructure to transmit 911 calls and device
25 application activations.

26 Section 3. Section 1013.373, Florida Statutes, is created
27 to read:

28 1013.373 Panic alarms in public schools.—

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

30 (a) “Panic alarm system” means a security system signal
31 generated by the manual activation of a school device intended
32 to communicate a life-threatening or emergency situation that
33 requires an immediate response from law enforcement.

34 (b) “Public school building” includes all buildings on a
35 public elementary, middle, or high school campus where
36 instruction takes place or where students are present during the
37 school day.

38 (2) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, each public
39 elementary, middle, and high school, including charter schools,



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40 must implement a panic alarm system known as "Alyssa's Alert"
41 which complies with s. 1006.07(4)(c). Each school must be
42 equipped with such a system for use in a school security
43 emergency, including, but not limited to, a nonfire evacuation,
44 a lockdown, or an active shooter event The panic alarm system
45 must:

46 (a) In order to notice all campus occupants during an
47 active shooter event, be accessible to administrators, teachers,
48 staff, and other designated personnel at all locations on the
49 school grounds.

50 (b) Be directly linked to the main office at the school and
51 to local law enforcement agencies that are designated as first
52 responders to the school's campus.

53 (c) Immediately transmit a signal or message to local law
54 enforcement agencies upon activation.

55 (3) The Department of Education shall issue a competitive
56 solicitation to identify panic alarm system options that may be
57 used by school districts. In identifying the options available
58 to school districts, the Department of Education shall consider
59 the ability of a system to provide audible and visual
60 notifications to protect persons who are hearing or visually
61 impaired; the interoperability of the system with other
62 emergency management tools, such as surveillance cameras; and
63 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. School
64 districts may select a vendor from those identified by the
65 Department of Education as qualified vendors and may apply to
66 the Department of Education for funding through a competitive
67 grant process.

68 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to panic alarms in public schools;
providing a short title; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.;
beginning in a specified school year, requiring each
public school, including charter schools, to implement
a panic alarm system for specified purposes; providing
requirements for such system; creating s. 1013.373,
F.S.; defining terms; requiring each public school to
be equipped with a panic alarm system; providing
requirements for such systems; requiring the
Department of Education to issue a competitive
solicitation to identify panic alarm options to be
used by school districts; requiring the department to
consider certain options available to school districts
during the process; authorizing school districts may
select a vendor from those identified by the
department as qualified vendors; authorizing school
districts to apply for funding from the department
through a competitive grant process; providing an
effective date.