

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 panic alarm requirements;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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

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

15           1013.373 Panic alarms in public schools.-

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

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

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

26           (2) Each public school building must be equipped with at  
27 least one panic alarm for use in a school security emergency,  
28 including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, lockdown,  
29 or active shooter situation. The panic alarm must be directly

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30 linked to the local law enforcement agencies that are designated  
31 as first responders to the school's campus and must immediately  
32 transmit a signal or message to those authorities upon  
33 activation.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.