

By the Committee on Infrastructure and Security; and Senators Book and Berman

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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 to be  
5           equipped with a panic alarm system; providing  
6           requirements for such systems; providing an effective  
7           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 system" means a 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 that requires a response from law  
20 enforcement.

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

25           (2) Each public school must be equipped with a panic alarm  
26 system for use in a school security emergency, including, but  
27 not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, a lockdown, or an active  
28 shooter situation. The panic alarm system must be accessible to  
29 administrators, teachers, staff, and other designated personnel

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30 at all locations on the school grounds. The panic alarm system  
31 must provide permanently installed alert indicators located at  
32 indoor and outdoor locations. The panic alarm system must be  
33 directly linked to the main office at the school and to local  
34 law enforcement agencies that are designated as first responders  
35 to the school's campus, and the system must immediately transmit  
36 a signal or message to those authorities upon activation.

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