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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 31, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in school safety and security,
6 further providing for school safety and security coordinator.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1309-B(c) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

12 Section 1309-B. School safety and security coordinator.

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14 (c) Specific duties.--The school safety and security
15 coordinator shall:

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17 (7) Consider the implementation of a panic alarm system
18 as part of the school safety and security coordinator's
19 review of the school entity's policies and procedures under

1 paragraph (1). As used in this paragraph, the term "panic
2 alarm system" shall mean a silent security system signal
3 generated by the manual activation of a device, including a
4 wired panic button, wireless panic button or mobile or
5 computer application, intended to signal a life-threatening
6 or emergency situation requiring a response from local law
7 enforcement or, in the case of a school building located in a
8 municipality where there is no municipal police department, a
9 location designated by the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State
10 Police.

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12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.