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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 providing for panic alerts.

7 This act may be referred to as "Alyssa's Law."

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 1305.2-B. Panic alerts.

14 (a) Requirement.--Each public school building in this  
15 Commonwealth must be equipped with a panic alert system for use  
16 in a school security emergency, including, but not limited to, a  
17 nonfire evacuation, lockdown or active shooter situation. The  
18 panic alert must be directly linked to the local law enforcement  
19 agencies designated as first responders to the school's campus

1 and must immediately transmit a signal or message to those  
2 authorities on activation.

3 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
4 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
5 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Panic alert." A silent security system notification  
7 generated by the manual activation of a device, including a  
8 mobile or computer application, wired panic button or wireless  
9 panic button, intended to communicate a life-threatening or  
10 emergency situation that requires a response from law  
11 enforcement.

12 "Public school building." All buildings on a public  
13 elementary, middle or high school campus where instruction takes  
14 place. The term includes all locations where students are  
15 present during the school day.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.