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Introduced by  
Representatives Hernandez D: Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-160.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 5, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-160.02, to read:

4 15-160.02. Panic alarms; alternative emergency mechanisms;  
5 rules; definition

6 A. EXCEPT AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, EACH  
7 PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST ONE PANIC ALARM FOR  
8 USE IN A SCHOOL SECURITY EMERGENCY, INCLUDING A NONFIRE EVACUATION, A  
9 LOCKDOWN OR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION. THE PANIC ALARM MUST MEET ALL OF  
10 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

11 1. BE DIRECTLY LINKED TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES OR, IN  
12 THE CASE OF A SCHOOL BUILDING LOCATED IN A MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THERE IS  
13 NO MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, A LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 PUBLIC SAFETY.

15 2. BE ABLE TO IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT A SIGNAL OR MESSAGE TO THE  
16 AUTHORITIES PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION ON ACTIVATION.

17 3. NOT BE AUDIBLE WITHIN THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

18 B. EACH PANIC ALARM REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MUST ADHERE TO  
19 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED INDUSTRY STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE STANDARDS OF BOTH:

20 1. A NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

21 2. A GLOBAL SAFETY SCIENCE LEADER THAT PROVIDES THE EXPERTISE,  
22 INSIGHTS AND SERVICES NECESSARY TO SOLVE CRITICAL BUSINESS CHALLENGES AND  
23 HELPS CUSTOMERS ACHIEVE THEIR SAFETY, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY GOALS,  
24 MEET QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS, MANAGE RISK AND ACHIEVE  
25 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE.

26 C. ONLY A PERSON THAT IS LICENSED TO ENGAGE IN THE ALARM BUSINESS  
27 MAY INSTALL A PANIC ALARM REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

28 D. A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY EQUIP ITS BUILDINGS WITH AN EMERGENCY  
29 MECHANISM THAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A PANIC ALARM IF THE MECHANISM IS  
30 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

31 E. A PORTION OF ANY MONIES RECEIVED FOR SCHOOL SAFETY MUST BE USED  
32 TO FUND THE FULL COST OF THE PANIC ALARMS OR ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY  
33 MECHANISMS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL  
34 THAT, BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, INSTALLED A PANIC ALARM  
35 OR ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY MECHANISM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
36 IN ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR THOSE COSTS.

37 F. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT RULES TO CARRY OUT THE  
38 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

39 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PANIC ALARM" MEANS A SILENT  
40 SECURITY SYSTEM SIGNAL GENERATED BY MANUALLY ACTIVATING A DEVICE INTENDED  
41 TO SIGNAL A LIFE-THREATENING OR EMERGENCY SITUATION REQUIRING A RESPONSE  
42 FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT.

43 Sec. 2. Short title

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