

CHAPTER 2020-145

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 70

An act relating to alert systems in public schools; providing a short title; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring each public school to implement a mobile panic alert system for specified purposes beginning in a specified school year; providing requirements for such system; authorizing public school districts to implement additional strategies and systems for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Education to issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a mobile panic alert system, subject to appropriation; requiring the department to consult with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, the Department of Law Enforcement, and the Division of Emergency Management in the development of the competitive solicitation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as “Alyssa’s Law.”

Section 2. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (f), and a new paragraph (c) and paragraphs (d) and (e) are added to that subsection, to read:

1006.07 District school board duties relating to student discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the attendance and control of students at school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of students, including:

(4) EMERGENCY DRILLS; EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

(c) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, each public school, including charter schools, shall implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies. Such system, known as “Alyssa’s Alert,” must integrate with local public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 911 calls and mobile activations.

(d) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (c), a public school district may implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in a school security emergency.

(e) For the 2020-2021 fiscal year and subject to the appropriation of funds in the General Appropriations Act for this purpose, the department shall issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a mobile panic alert

system that may be used by each school district. The department shall consult with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, the Department of Law Enforcement, and the Division of Emergency Management in the development of the competitive solicitation for the mobile panic alert system.

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

Approved by the Governor June 30, 2020.

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