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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Reynolds

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### SUMMARY

- Requires each public and chartered nonpublic school to, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, implement a wearable panic alert system at each school facility.
- Appropriates \$25 million in FY 2026 to reimburse school districts and chartered nonpublic schools for the cost of implementing wearable panic alert systems.
- Entitles the bill as Alyssa's Law.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Panic alert systems

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the bill requires each school district and chartered nonpublic school to implement a wearable panic alert system at each school facility.<sup>1</sup> Community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools must comply with the bill's requirements in the same manner as a school district.<sup>2</sup>

Panic alert systems must be capable of integrating with local public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations and initiating a campus-wide lockdown notification.

The bill requires each district or school to provide each staff person in a school facility with a wearable panic alert device that allows for immediate contact with local emergency response agencies. Prior to the first day of school each year, each district or school must ensure

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3313.88.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(d), 3326.11, and 3328.24.

that all school facility personnel receive training on the protocol for and appropriate use of the panic alert device.

Under the bill, each district or school must also ensure that all security data within a school facility is accessible by a local law enforcement agency and coordinate with the local law enforcement agency to establish appropriate access protocols. Accessible security data includes cameras, maps, and access control.

Any records, information, photographs, audio and visual presentations, schematic diagrams, surveys, recommendations, or consultations or portions thereof relating directly to the physical security or fire safety of a school facility or revealing security or fire safety systems, that are accessed or held by an agency under the bill are confidential and are not public records.

However, information made confidential under the bill may be disclosed: (1) to the property owner or leaseholder of the school facility, (2) in furtherance of the official duties and responsibilities of the agency holding the information, (3) to another local, state, or federal agency in furtherance of that agency's official duties and responsibilities, or (4) upon a showing of good cause before a court of competent jurisdiction.

The bill permits the Department of Education and Workforce to adopt rules to implement the bill's requirements as are necessary to protect the health and safety of students and educators.<sup>3</sup>

## Appropriation

The bill appropriates \$25 million in FY 2026 to be used to reimburse school districts and chartered nonpublic schools for the cost of implementing wearable panic alert systems. The reimbursements must be made in a manner determined by the Department.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3313.88.

<sup>4</sup> Section 4.