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SUMMARY

- Establishes a pilot grant program for public and chartered nonpublic schools to purchase panic alert systems or contract for artificial intelligence firearm detection software.
- Appropriates \$25 million in FY 2026 to be used by the Department of Public Safety to distribute pilot grants under the program.
- Entitles the bill as Alyssa's Law.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Pilot grant program

The bill establishes a pilot grant program for the Department of Public Safety to distribute pilot grants to school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools to purchase a wearable panic alert system or other form of panic alert system, or to enter into a contract with a private vendor for artificial intelligence (AI) firearm detection software for district or school facilities. The bill requires the Department to begin distributing grants beginning on January 1, 2026, or as soon as possible after that date.

Under the bill, the Department must develop an application process, method to determine grant amounts, and criteria for approving grants awarded under the program. The method used to determine grant amounts must, to the extent practicable, equally distribute funds to districts and schools in urban, suburban, and rural areas and to districts and schools with different student enrollment sizes and socioeconomic statuses.

Grant criteria

The Department's criteria for approving grants must include all the following:¹

1. A district or school must not have a security system in place at the time the application is submitted;
2. Any panic alert system that a district or school intends to purchase must:
 - a. Be capable of integrating with local public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations;
 - b. Be capable of initiating campus-wide lockdown notifications;
 - c. Provide panic alert devices that allow for immediate contact with emergency response agencies;
 - d. Have been developed in the United States without the use of any third-party or open-source data;
 - e. Be managed directly by the contracted vendor through a constantly monitored operations center; and
 - f. Have been successfully deployed in other districts, schools, or state organizations.
3. If a district or school intends to use a grant to purchase a panic alert system, the district or school must agree to do all the following to implement the system:
 - a. Provide each appropriate staff person in a school facility, as determined by the district or school in consultation with the device manufacturer or per the device manufacturer's recommendations, with a panic alert device;
 - b. Ensure that all school facility personnel receive training on the protocol for and appropriate use of the panic alert device;
 - c. Ensure that all security data within a school facility, including cameras, maps, and access control, is accessible by a local law enforcement agency; and
 - d. Coordinate with the local law enforcement agency to establish appropriate access protocols for security data.
4. Any AI firearm detection software that a district or school intends to use must:
 - a. Detect and alert school district personnel and first responders about the presence of visible, unholstered firearms on school property;
 - b. Be designated as qualified anti-terrorism technology under the federal Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002;²
 - c. Be capable of integrating with a school building's security camera infrastructure;

¹ Section 2(A) and (B).

² 6 United States Code 441, *et seq.*, not in the bill.

- d. Have been developed in the United States without the use of any third-party or open-source data;
- e. Be managed directly by the contracted vendor through a constantly monitored operations center that is staffed by highly trained analysts who are capable of rapidly communicating possible threats to law enforcement and appropriate district or school personnel; and
- f. Have been successfully deployed in other districts, schools, or state organizations.

Grant uses

The bill requires the Department to distribute a grant to each district or school with an approved application. A district or school must use the grant to purchase a wearable panic alert system or other form of panic alert system, or to contract with a private vendor for AI firearm detection software. A district or school may use the grant to purchase a panic alert system that uses firearm detection software fully designated as qualified anti-terrorism technology under the federal Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002.³

Report

The bill requires the Department, by December 1, 2027, to submit a report detailing the findings of the pilot program to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report must include findings and data on program applications, grants awarded, program participation, outcomes, and information on the types of devices purchased, firearm detection software utilized, types of staff members receiving devices, cost of devices or software, including annual renewal costs where applicable, frequency of device use, and types of accidents reported.⁴

Appropriation

The bill appropriates \$25 million in FY 2026 to be used by the Department of Public Safety to distribute pilot grants under the program.⁵

HISTORY

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³ Section 2(C) and (D).

⁴ Section 2(E).

⁵ Section 2.