



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2728

Introduced 10/28/2025, by Sen. Willie Preston

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new
105 ILCS 5/27A-5

Creates the Mobile Panic Alert System Act. Provides that the Act may be referred to as Alyssa's Law. Requires, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each public school to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies. Allows a school district to implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in a school security emergency. Sets forth provisions requiring a competitive contract solicitation. Subject to appropriation, requires the State Board of Education to establish and administer a Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Program for the purpose of issuing grants to reimburse school districts for the cost of mobile panic alert systems from moneys appropriated from the Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund. Amends the State Finance Act and the School Code to make conforming changes. Effective January 1, 2026.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title; references to Act.

5 (a) This Act may be cited as the Mobile Panic Alert System
6 Act.

7 (b) This Act may be referred to as Alyssa's Law.

8 Section 5. Mobile panic alert system.

9 (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each public
10 school, including a charter school, shall implement a mobile
11 panic alert system capable of connecting diverse emergency
12 services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between
13 multiple first responder agencies. Such system, to be known as
14 "Alyssa's Alert", must integrate with local public safety
15 answering point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls and
16 mobile activations.

17 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), a
18 school district may implement additional strategies or systems
19 to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first
20 responder agencies in a school security emergency.

21 (c) A school board is not required to procure or implement
22 new or additional capabilities if, prior to July 1, 2026, the
23 school board has already implemented a mobile panic alert

1 system with capabilities that meet the requirements of
2 subsection (a).

3 Section 10. Mobile panic alert system solicitation.

4 (a) For the 2026 fiscal year, the State Board of Education
5 shall issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a
6 mobile panic alert system that may be used by each school
7 district. The State Board shall consult with the Illinois
8 State Police and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in
9 the development of the competitive solicitation for the mobile
10 panic alert system.

11 (b) Not later than December 1, 2026, the State Board of
12 Education shall conduct market research, in consultation with
13 the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, to identify whether
14 an existing competitively procured source of supply is
15 available for a system that satisfies the requirements of
16 subsection (a) of Section 5 from multiple vendors for use by
17 school districts. If no existing source of supply exists, then
18 the State Board shall issue a competitive solicitation for
19 such source of supply no later than January 1, 2027.

20 Section 15. Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Program.

21 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education
22 shall establish and administer a Mobile Panic Alert System
23 Grant Program for the purpose of issuing grants to reimburse
24 school districts for the cost of the mobile panic alert

1 systems described in subsection (a) of Section 5. Grants shall
2 be awarded from moneys appropriated for that purpose from the
3 Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund.

4 (b) The Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund is created as
5 a special fund in the State treasury. All money in the Mobile
6 Panic Alert System Grant Fund shall be used, subject to
7 appropriation, by the State Board of Education for the Mobile
8 Panic Alert System Grant Program.

9 Section 85. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
10 Section 5.1030 as follows:

11 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

12 Sec. 5.1030. The Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund.

13 Section 90. The School Code is amended by changing Section
14 27A-5 as follows:

15 (105 ILCS 5/27A-5)

16 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 102-466)

17 Sec. 27A-5. Charter school; legal entity; requirements.

18 (a) A charter school shall be a public, nonsectarian,
19 nonreligious, non-home based, and non-profit school. A charter
20 school shall be organized and operated as a nonprofit
21 corporation or other discrete, legal, nonprofit entity
22 authorized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

1 (b) A charter school may be established under this Article
2 by creating a new school or by converting an existing public
3 school or attendance center to charter school status. In all
4 new applications to establish a charter school in a city
5 having a population exceeding 500,000, operation of the
6 charter school shall be limited to one campus. This limitation
7 does not apply to charter schools existing or approved on or
8 before April 16, 2003.

9 (b-5) (Blank).

10 (c) A charter school shall be administered and governed by
11 its board of directors or other governing body in the manner
12 provided in its charter. The governing body of a charter
13 school shall be subject to the Freedom of Information Act and
14 the Open Meetings Act. A charter school's board of directors
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16 guardian of a pupil currently enrolled in the charter school
17 who may be selected through the charter school or a charter
18 network election, appointment by the charter school's board of
19 directors or other governing body, or by the charter school's
20 Parent Teacher Organization or its equivalent.

21 (c-5) No later than January 1, 2021 or within the first
22 year of his or her first term, every voting member of a charter
23 school's board of directors or other governing body shall
24 complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development
25 leadership training to ensure that each member has sufficient
26 familiarity with the board's or governing body's role and

1 responsibilities, including financial oversight and
2 accountability of the school, evaluating the principal's and
3 school's performance, adherence to the Freedom of Information
4 Act and the Open Meetings Act, and compliance with education
5 and labor law. In each subsequent year of his or her term, a
6 voting member of a charter school's board of directors or
7 other governing body shall complete a minimum of 2 hours of
8 professional development training in these same areas. The
9 training under this subsection may be provided or certified by
10 a statewide charter school membership association or may be
11 provided or certified by other qualified providers approved by
12 the State Board.

13 (d) For purposes of this subsection (d), "non-curricular
14 health and safety requirement" means any health and safety
15 requirement created by statute or rule to provide, maintain,
16 preserve, or safeguard safe or healthful conditions for
17 students and school personnel or to eliminate, reduce, or
18 prevent threats to the health and safety of students and
19 school personnel. "Non-curricular health and safety
20 requirement" does not include any course of study or
21 specialized instructional requirement for which the State
22 Board has established goals and learning standards or which is
23 designed primarily to impart knowledge and skills for students
24 to master and apply as an outcome of their education.

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1 under the laws of the State of Illinois. The State Board shall
2 promulgate and post on its Internet website a list of
3 non-curricular health and safety requirements that a charter
4 school must meet. The list shall be updated annually no later
5 than September 1. Any charter contract between a charter
6 school and its authorizer must contain a provision that
7 requires the charter school to follow the list of all
8 non-curricular health and safety requirements promulgated by
9 the State Board and any non-curricular health and safety
10 requirements added by the State Board to such list during the
11 term of the charter. Nothing in this subsection (d) precludes
12 an authorizer from including non-curricular health and safety
13 requirements in a charter school contract that are not
14 contained in the list promulgated by the State Board,
15 including non-curricular health and safety requirements of the
16 authorizing local school board.

17 (e) Except as otherwise provided in the School Code, a
18 charter school shall not charge tuition; provided that a
19 charter school may charge reasonable fees for textbooks,
20 instructional materials, and student activities.

21 (f) A charter school shall be responsible for the
22 management and operation of its fiscal affairs, including, but
23 not limited to, the preparation of its budget. An audit of each
24 charter school's finances shall be conducted annually by an
25 outside, independent contractor retained by the charter
26 school. The contractor shall not be an employee of the charter

1 school or affiliated with the charter school or its authorizer
2 in any way, other than to audit the charter school's finances.
3 To ensure financial accountability for the use of public
4 funds, on or before December 1 of every year of operation, each
5 charter school shall submit to its authorizer and the State
6 Board a copy of its audit and a copy of the Form 990 the
7 charter school filed that year with the federal Internal
8 Revenue Service. In addition, if deemed necessary for proper
9 financial oversight of the charter school, an authorizer may
10 require quarterly financial statements from each charter
11 school.

12 (g) A charter school shall comply with all provisions of
13 this Article, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act,
14 all federal and State laws and rules applicable to public
15 schools that pertain to special education and the instruction
16 of English learners, and its charter. A charter school is
17 exempt from all other State laws and regulations in this Code
18 governing public schools and local school board policies;
19 however, a charter school is not exempt from the following:

20 (1) Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this Code
21 regarding criminal history records checks and checks of
22 the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Murderer
23 and Violent Offender Against Youth Database of applicants
24 for employment;

25 (2) Sections 10-20.14, 10-22.6, 22-100, 24-24, 34-19,
26 and 34-84a of this Code regarding discipline of students;

1 (3) the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees
2 Tort Immunity Act;

3 (4) Section 108.75 of the General Not For Profit
4 Corporation Act of 1986 regarding indemnification of
5 officers, directors, employees, and agents;

6 (5) the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act;

7 (5.5) subsection (b) of Section 10-23.12 and
8 subsection (b) of Section 34-18.6 of this Code;

9 (6) the Illinois School Student Records Act;

10 (7) Section 10-17a of this Code regarding school
11 report cards;

12 (8) the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act;

13 (9) Section 27-23.7 of this Code regarding bullying
14 prevention;

15 (10) Section 2-3.162 of this Code regarding student
16 discipline reporting;

17 (11) Sections 22-80 and 27-8.1 of this Code;

18 (12) Sections 10-20.60 and 34-18.53 of this Code;

19 (13) Sections 10-20.63 and 34-18.56 of this Code;

20 (14) Sections 22-90 and 26-18 of this Code;

21 (15) Section 22-30 of this Code;

22 (16) Sections 24-12 and 34-85 of this Code;

23 (17) the Seizure Smart School Act;

24 (18) Section 2-3.64a-10 of this Code;

25 (19) Sections 10-20.73 and 34-21.9 of this Code;

26 (20) Section 10-22.25b of this Code;

- 1 (21) Section 27-9.1a of this Code;
- 2 (22) Section 27-9.1b of this Code;
- 3 (23) Section 34-18.8 of this Code;
- 4 (25) Section 2-3.188 of this Code;
- 5 (26) Section 22-85.5 of this Code;
- 6 (27) subsections (d-10), (d-15), and (d-20) of Section
7 10-20.56 of this Code;
- 8 (28) Sections 10-20.83 and 34-18.78 of this Code;
- 9 (29) Section 10-20.13 of this Code;
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- 15 (35) Section 34-18.62 of this Code;
- 16 (36) the Illinois Human Rights Act; ~~and~~
- 17 (37) Section 2-3.204 of this Code; ~~and~~.
- 18 (38) the Mobile Panic Alert System Act.

19 The change made by Public Act 96-104 to this subsection
20 (g) is declaratory of existing law.

21 (h) A charter school may negotiate and contract with a
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24 for-profit or nonprofit private entity for: (i) the use of a
25 school building and grounds or any other real property or
26 facilities that the charter school desires to use or convert

1 for use as a charter school site, (ii) the operation and
2 maintenance thereof, and (iii) the provision of any service,
3 activity, or undertaking that the charter school is required
4 to perform in order to carry out the terms of its charter.
5 Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Section, a school
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26 revised 11-26-24.)

1 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
2 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
3 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
4 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
5 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
6 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
7 Public Act.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
9 1, 2026.