



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2948

Introduced 1/27/2026, by Sen. Michael E. Hastings

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Provides that school districts and private schools in the State shall consider the use of mobile panic alert systems in the development of their school emergency and crisis response plans. Provides that the mobile panic alert system, if used, shall be known as "Alyssa's Alert" and shall be capable of connecting to diverse emergency service technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies. Provides that the mobile panic alert system, if used, must be capable of integrating with local, public-safety, answering-point infrastructures to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations. Requires the State Board of Education to conduct market research, in consultation with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, to identify whether an existing market of supply of mobile panic alert systems that satisfy the requirements under the amendatory provisions is available in the State from multiple vendors for use by school districts. Requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, to develop standards for a mobile panic alert system. Requires the State Board of Education to establish and administer a Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Program. Provides that school districts and private schools may apply to the State Board of Education for a Program grant to obtain a mobile panic alert system in order to better prepare for emergency responses. Provides that Program grants shall be awarded from moneys appropriated for that purpose from the Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund. Amends the State Finance Act to make a conforming change.

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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 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.1038 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new)

7 Sec. 5.1038. The Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund.

8 Section 10. The School Safety Drill Act is amended by  
9 adding Sections 42 and 43 as follows:

10 (105 ILCS 128/42 new)

11 Sec. 42. Mobile panic alert systems.

12 (a) School districts and private schools in this State  
13 shall consider the use of a mobile panic alert system in the  
14 development of their school emergency and crisis response  
15 plans. The mobile panic alert system, if used, shall be known  
16 as "Alyssa's Alert" and shall be capable of connecting to  
17 diverse emergency service technologies to ensure real-time  
18 coordination between multiple first responder agencies. The  
19 mobile panic alert system, if used, must be capable of  
20 integrating with local, public-safety, answering-point  
21 infrastructures to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile

1 activations.

2 (b) The State Board of Education shall conduct market  
3 research, in consultation with the Illinois Emergency  
4 Management Agency, to identify whether an existing market of  
5 supply of mobile panic alert systems that satisfy the  
6 requirements of subsection (a) is available in this State from  
7 multiple vendors for use by school districts.

8 (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
9 Illinois State Police and the Illinois Emergency Management  
10 Agency, shall develop standards for a mobile panic alert  
11 system. The standards must take into consideration the  
12 following:

13 (1) the scalability of the mobile panic alert system  
14 in relation to the possibility of school expansion;

15 (2) the reliability of the connection technology used  
16 and how that technology prevents poor connectivity from  
17 severely affecting the response time for first responders;

18 (3) the ease of integrating the mobile panic alert  
19 system into existing safety systems in a way that ensures  
20 communication with first responders and that all safety  
21 protocols are working together; and

22 (4) the efficiency of providing instant alerts and  
23 notifications to first responders and other school  
24 personnel.

25 (d) The State Board of Education shall send a physical and  
26 electronic notification to school districts on which mobile

1 panic alert systems in this State meet the standards developed  
2 by the State Board of Education under subsection (c).

3 (105 ILCS 128/43 new)

4 Sec. 43. Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund.

5 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education  
6 shall establish and administer a Mobile Panic Alert System  
7 Grant Program. School districts and private schools may apply  
8 to the State Board of Education for a Program grant to obtain a  
9 mobile panic alert system under Section 42 in order to better  
10 prepare for emergency responses. Program grants shall be  
11 awarded from moneys appropriated for that purpose from the  
12 Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund.

13 (b) The Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund is created as  
14 a special fund in the State treasury. All money in the Mobile  
15 Panic Alert System Grant Fund shall be used, subject to  
16 appropriation, by the State Board of Education for the Mobile  
17 Panic Alert System Grant Program.

18 (c) A mobile panic alert system obtained through a Program  
19 grant must be compliant with the standards developed by the  
20 State Board of Education under subsection (c) of Section 42.

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new

4 105 ILCS 128/42 new

5 105 ILCS 128/43 new