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H.B. No. 669

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 669:

By: Thompson of Harris

C.S.H.B. No. 669

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools
3 providing silent panic alert technology in classrooms.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Alyssa's Law.

6 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 37.117 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 37.117. SILENT PANIC ALERT TECHNOLOGY. (a) Each
9 school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide
10 each classroom in the district or school with silent panic alert
11 technology that allows for immediate contact with district or
12 school emergency services and emergency services agencies, law
13 enforcement agencies, health departments, and fire departments.

14 (b) Silent panic alert technology provided by a school
15 district or open-enrollment charter school under this section does
16 not satisfy the requirement under Section 37.108(a)(2) for the
17 district or school to ensure employees have classroom access to a
18 telephone or another electronic communication device.

19 (c) To comply with this section, a school district or
20 open-enrollment charter school may:

21 (1) use funds provided to the district or school
22 through the school safety allotment under Section 48.115 or other
23 available funds; and

24 (2) use the district's or school's customary

1 procurement process.

2 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
3 school year.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.