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S.B. No. 838

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools providing silent panic alert technology in classrooms.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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.