

1-1 By: Creighton, Menéndez S.B. No. 838
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 10, 2023; March 1, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 April 3, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 3, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 838 By: Menéndez

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools
 1-26 providing silent panic alert technology in classrooms.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Alyssa's Law.

1-29 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
 1-30 amended by adding Section 37.117 to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 37.117. SILENT PANIC ALERT TECHNOLOGY. (a) Each
 1-32 school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide
 1-33 each classroom in the district or school with silent panic alert
 1-34 technology that allows for immediate contact with district or
 1-35 school emergency services and emergency services agencies, law
 1-36 enforcement agencies, health departments, and fire departments.

1-37 (b) Silent panic alert technology provided by a school
 1-38 district or open-enrollment charter school under this section does
 1-39 not satisfy the requirement under Section 37.108(a)(2) for the
 1-40 district or school to ensure employees have classroom access to a
 1-41 telephone or another electronic communication device.

1-42 (c) To comply with this section, a school district or
 1-43 open-enrollment charter school may:

1-44 (1) use funds provided to the district or school
 1-45 through the school safety allotment under Section 48.115 or other
 1-46 available funds; and

1-47 (2) use the district's or school's customary
 1-48 procurement process.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
 1-50 school year.

1-51 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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