



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3240

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Bradley Fritts

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. Requires, for the 2026 fiscal year, the State Board of Education to issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a mobile panic alert system that may be used by each school district. 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 Charter Schools Law of 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. This Act may be
5 cited as the Mobile Panic Alert System Act. This Act may be
6 referred to as Alyssa's Law.

7 Section 5. Mobile panic alert system.

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

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

20 (c) For the 2026 fiscal year, the State Board of Education
21 shall issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a
22 mobile panic alert system that may be used by each school
23 district. The State Board shall consult with the Illinois

1 State Police and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in
2 the development of the competitive solicitation for the mobile
3 panic alert system.

4 Section 10. Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Program.

5 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education
6 shall establish and administer a Mobile Panic Alert System
7 Grant Program for the purpose of issuing grants to reimburse
8 school districts for the cost of the mobile panic alert
9 systems described in subsection (a) of Section 5. Grants shall
10 be awarded from moneys appropriated for that purpose from the
11 Mobile Panic Alert System Grant Fund.

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

17 Section 85. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
18 Section 5.1030 as follows:

19 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

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

21 Section 90. The School Code is amended by changing Section
22 27A-5 as follows:

1 (105 ILCS 5/27A-5)

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

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

4 (a) A charter school shall be a public, nonsectarian,
5 nonreligious, non-home based, and non-profit school. A charter
6 school shall be organized and operated as a nonprofit
7 corporation or other discrete, legal, nonprofit entity
8 authorized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

9 (b) A charter school may be established under this Article
10 by creating a new school or by converting an existing public
11 school or attendance center to charter school status. In all
12 new applications to establish a charter school in a city
13 having a population exceeding 500,000, operation of the
14 charter school shall be limited to one campus. This limitation
15 does not apply to charter schools existing or approved on or
16 before April 16, 2003.

17 (b-5) (Blank).

18 (c) A charter school shall be administered and governed by
19 its board of directors or other governing body in the manner
20 provided in its charter. The governing body of a charter
21 school shall be subject to the Freedom of Information Act and
22 the Open Meetings Act. A charter school's board of directors
23 or other governing body must include at least one parent or
24 guardian of a pupil currently enrolled in the charter school
25 who may be selected through the charter school or a charter

1 network election, appointment by the charter school's board of
2 directors or other governing body, or by the charter school's
3 Parent Teacher Organization or its equivalent.

4 (c-5) No later than January 1, 2021 or within the first
5 year of his or her first term, every voting member of a charter
6 school's board of directors or other governing body shall
7 complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development
8 leadership training to ensure that each member has sufficient
9 familiarity with the board's or governing body's role and
10 responsibilities, including financial oversight and
11 accountability of the school, evaluating the principal's and
12 school's performance, adherence to the Freedom of Information
13 Act and the Open Meetings Act, and compliance with education
14 and labor law. In each subsequent year of his or her term, a
15 voting member of a charter school's board of directors or
16 other governing body shall complete a minimum of 2 hours of
17 professional development training in these same areas. The
18 training under this subsection may be provided or certified by
19 a statewide charter school membership association or may be
20 provided or certified by other qualified providers approved by
21 the State Board.

22 (d) For purposes of this subsection (d), "non-curricular
23 health and safety requirement" means any health and safety
24 requirement created by statute or rule to provide, maintain,
25 preserve, or safeguard safe or healthful conditions for
26 students and school personnel or to eliminate, reduce, or

1 prevent threats to the health and safety of students and
2 school personnel. "Non-curricular health and safety
3 requirement" does not include any course of study or
4 specialized instructional requirement for which the State
5 Board has established goals and learning standards or which is
6 designed primarily to impart knowledge and skills for students
7 to master and apply as an outcome of their education.

8 A charter school shall comply with all non-curricular
9 health and safety requirements applicable to public schools
10 under the laws of the State of Illinois. The State Board shall
11 promulgate and post on its Internet website a list of
12 non-curricular health and safety requirements that a charter
13 school must meet. The list shall be updated annually no later
14 than September 1. Any charter contract between a charter
15 school and its authorizer must contain a provision that
16 requires the charter school to follow the list of all
17 non-curricular health and safety requirements promulgated by
18 the State Board and any non-curricular health and safety
19 requirements added by the State Board to such list during the
20 term of the charter. Nothing in this subsection (d) precludes
21 an authorizer from including non-curricular health and safety
22 requirements in a charter school contract that are not
23 contained in the list promulgated by the State Board,
24 including non-curricular health and safety requirements of the
25 authorizing local school board.

26 (e) Except as otherwise provided in the School Code, a

1 charter school shall not charge tuition; provided that a
2 charter school may charge reasonable fees for textbooks,
3 instructional materials, and student activities.

4 (f) A charter school shall be responsible for the
5 management and operation of its fiscal affairs, including, but
6 not limited to, the preparation of its budget. An audit of each
7 charter school's finances shall be conducted annually by an
8 outside, independent contractor retained by the charter
9 school. The contractor shall not be an employee of the charter
10 school or affiliated with the charter school or its authorizer
11 in any way, other than to audit the charter school's finances.
12 To ensure financial accountability for the use of public
13 funds, on or before December 1 of every year of operation, each
14 charter school shall submit to its authorizer and the State
15 Board a copy of its audit and a copy of the Form 990 the
16 charter school filed that year with the federal Internal
17 Revenue Service. In addition, if deemed necessary for proper
18 financial oversight of the charter school, an authorizer may
19 require quarterly financial statements from each charter
20 school.

21 (g) A charter school shall comply with all provisions of
22 this Article, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act,
23 all federal and State laws and rules applicable to public
24 schools that pertain to special education and the instruction
25 of English learners, and its charter. A charter school is
26 exempt from all other State laws and regulations in this Code

1 governing public schools and local school board policies;
2 however, a charter school is not exempt from the following:

3 (1) Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this Code
4 regarding criminal history records checks and checks of
5 the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Murderer
6 and Violent Offender Against Youth Database of applicants
7 for employment;

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

10 (3) the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees
11 Tort Immunity Act;

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

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

16 (5.5) subsection (b) of Section 10-23.12 and
17 subsection (b) of Section 34-18.6 of this Code;

18 (6) the Illinois School Student Records Act;

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

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

22 (9) Section 27-23.7 of this Code regarding bullying
23 prevention;

24 (10) Section 2-3.162 of this Code regarding student
25 discipline reporting;

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

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- 2 (13) Sections 10-20.63 and 34-18.56 of this Code;
- 3 (14) Sections 22-90 and 26-18 of this Code;
- 4 (15) Section 22-30 of this Code;
- 5 (16) Sections 24-12 and 34-85 of this Code;
- 6 (17) the Seizure Smart School Act;
- 7 (18) Section 2-3.64a-10 of this Code;
- 8 (19) Sections 10-20.73 and 34-21.9 of this Code;
- 9 (20) Section 10-22.25b of this Code;
- 10 (21) Section 27-9.1a of this Code;
- 11 (22) Section 27-9.1b of this Code;
- 12 (23) Section 34-18.8 of this Code;
- 13 (25) Section 2-3.188 of this Code;
- 14 (26) Section 22-85.5 of this Code;
- 15 (27) subsections (d-10), (d-15), and (d-20) of Section
- 16 10-20.56 of this Code;
- 17 (28) Sections 10-20.83 and 34-18.78 of this Code;
- 18 (29) Section 10-20.13 of this Code;
- 19 (30) Section 28-19.2 of this Code;
- 20 (31) Section 34-21.6 of this Code;
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- 22 (33) Section 2-3.196 of this Code;
- 23 (34) Section 22-95 of this Code;
- 24 (35) Section 34-18.62 of this Code;
- 25 (36) the Illinois Human Rights Act; ~~and~~
- 26 (37) Section 2-3.204 of this Code; ~~and~~.

1 (38) the Mobile Panic Alert System Act.

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

4 (h) A charter school may negotiate and contract with a
5 school district, the governing body of a State college or
6 university or public community college, or any other public or
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9 facilities that the charter school desires to use or convert
10 for use as a charter school site, (ii) the operation and
11 maintenance thereof, and (iii) the provision of any service,
12 activity, or undertaking that the charter school is required
13 to perform in order to carry out the terms of its charter.
14 Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Section, a school
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8 eff. 7-1-24; 103-641, eff. 7-1-24; 103-806, eff. 1-1-25;
9 revised 11-26-24.)

10 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
11 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
12 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
13 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
14 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
15 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
16 Public Act.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
18 1, 2026.