

HOUSE BILL NO. 5954

September 26, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Steele, Jaime Greene, Tisdell and Kuhn and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1308c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 1308c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection**
2 **(3), beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the governing body**
3 **of a public school and nonpublic school shall implement a mobile**
4 **panic alert system for use in a school security emergency using the**
5 **funds under section 97h of the state school aid act of 1979, MCL**

1 388.1697h. The mobile panic alert system under this subsection must
2 meet both of the following requirements:

3 (a) Be capable of connecting local law enforcement and state
4 law enforcement, school faculty and staff, and first responder
5 agencies to ensure real-time coordination between 9-1-1 and other
6 first responder agencies.

7 (b) Directly integrate with local public safety answering
8 point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile
9 activations, including mobile applications, standard mobile calls,
10 and landline activations with continued 2-way direct communication
11 between 9-1-1 public safety answering points and schools.

12 (2) Subject to section 261 of the management and budget act,
13 MCL 18.1261, the department of technology, management, and budget
14 shall utilize competitive solicitation to procure a mobile panic
15 alert system for use by each public school and nonpublic school.
16 The department of technology, management, and budget shall consult
17 with the department, the office of school safety within the
18 department of state police, and the emergency management and
19 homeland security division of the department of state police in the
20 procurement of a mobile panic alert system or the development of
21 the competitive solicitation for the mobile panic alert system
22 under this section. To be eligible to enter into a contract for the
23 mobile panic alert system under this section, a vendor must have
24 deployed a mobile panic button program on a statewide basis and be
25 certified by the Department of Homeland Security under the SAFETY
26 act, Public Law 107-296.

27 (3) A public school or nonpublic school is not required to
28 implement a mobile panic alert system as required under subsection
29 (1) if the public school or nonpublic school has a panic alert

1 system already in place that meets the requirements of subsection
2 (1) and has received an exemption under this subsection. To receive
3 an exemption, the governing body of the public school or nonpublic
4 school must submit a petition to the department requesting an
5 exemption from the requirements in subsection (1). On receipt of an
6 exemption petition under this subsection, the department shall
7 consult with the office of school safety within the department of
8 state police and the emergency management and homeland security
9 division of the department of state police during its evaluation of
10 the exemption petition. The department shall determine whether the
11 panic alert system already in place in that public school or
12 nonpublic school meets the requirements of subsection (1). If the
13 department determines that the system meets the requirements of
14 subsection (1), the department shall issue an exemption to the
15 public school or nonpublic school. If the department determines
16 that the system does not meet the requirements of subsection (1),
17 the department shall issue a denial of the exemption petition and
18 the reasons for that denial to the public school or nonpublic
19 school.

20 (4) A public school or nonpublic school that receives an
21 exemption from the department under subsection (3) is in compliance
22 with subsection (1). If a public school or nonpublic school fails
23 to comply with subsection (1), the department of state police may
24 determine that the public school or nonpublic school is ineligible
25 to receive any school safety grants from the department of state
26 police for the fiscal year in which the noncompliance is discovered
27 by the department of state police.

28 (5) As used in this section:

29 (a) "First responder agency" means an agency created by 1 or

1 more local units of government, that consists of law enforcement
2 officers, firefighters, or members of a rescue squad or ambulance
3 crew. First responder agency includes a 9-1-1 public safety
4 answering point.

5 (b) "Local law enforcement" means a law enforcement agency
6 that employs peace officers on behalf of a local unit of
7 government.

8 (c) "School security emergency" includes, but is not limited
9 to, a nonfire evacuation, a lockdown, or an active-shooter
10 situation.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
12 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No.____ (request no.
13 05890'24) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.