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HOUSE BILL 1492

By: Representative Gramlich
By: Senator Dees

Filed with: House Committee on Education
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO IMPLEMENT A
MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER
SCHOOL TO IMPLEMENT A MOBILE PANIC ALERT
SYSTEM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 13, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

6-15-1306. Mobile panic alert system – Required.

*(a)(1) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each public school
district board of directors and open-enrollment public charter school
governing authority shall implement a mobile panic alert system that is
capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-
time coordination between multiple first responder agencies.*

*(2) The mobile panic alert system required by this section shall
integrate with local public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit
9-1-1 calls and mobile activations.*

(b) A public school district board of directors or an open-enrollment

1 public charter school governing authority may implement additional strategies
2 or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder
3 agencies in a school security emergency in addition to the mobile panic alert
4 system required by this section.

5 (c) Each public school district board of directors and open-enrollment
6 public charter school governing authority shall establish a schedule to test
7 the functionality and coverage capacity of all emergency communication
8 systems, including the mobile panic alert system required by this section, to
9 determine if adequate signal strength is available in all areas of the public
10 school district's or open-enrollment public school's campus.

11 (d) This section does not apply to a statewide open-enrollment public
12 charter school that operates primarily as a virtual school.

13 (e) The Department of Education may adopt rules to implement this
14 section.

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16 /s/Gramlich

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19 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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