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5   By: Representative Baltz

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8   AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF

9   HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER TO THEIR STUDENTS A PANIC

10   BUTTON ALERT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

14   TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS

15   OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER TO THEIR

16   STUDENTS A PANIC BUTTON ALERT SYSTEM.

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

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21   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1, is amended

22   to add an additional section to read as follows:

23   6-61-139. Panic button alert systems.

24   (a) A state-supported institution of higher education shall offer to

25   its students, employees, and other personnel a panic button alert system

26   that:

27   (1) Connects the user in real time with designated individuals,

28   with the ability of contacting a live 911 operator;

29   (2)(A) Directly integrates into the existing statewide Smart911

30   system.

31   (B) The Smart911 system shall provide a way for a state-

32   supported institution of higher education to geofence the campus and provide

33   the GPS location to assist emergency responders by automatically displaying

34   during a 911 call;

35   (3) Is available for use on and off campus as a smartphone

36   application and has a mechanism for panic notifications to be triggered by

1 non-smartphone wireless callers and landline callers or automatic alert

2 features in the event the user is unable to respond; and

3   (4) Has geotracking capability that can determine the location

4 and movements of the person who engaged the panic alert system.

5   (b) A state-supported institution of higher education may charge its

6 students, employees, and other personnel no more than two dollars ($2.00) per

7 year for the use of the panic button alert system.

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