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A Bill

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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

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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 button alert* system.

5 (b) A state-supported institution of higher education may charge its
6 students, employees, and other personnel for the use of the *panic button*
7 alert system no more than an amount to cover the cost of the *panic button*
8 alert system to the state-supported institution of higher education.

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