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H. B. No. 106

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A BILL

То	enact Alyssa's Law to establish a pilot grant	1
	program for public and chartered nonpublic	2
	schools to purchase panic alert systems or	3
	contract for artificial intelligence firearm	4
	detection software and to make an appropriation.	5

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

Section 1. All items in this act are hereby appropriated	6
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the	7
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations	8
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year	9
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027.	10
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to	11
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years.	12
Section 2.	13
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DPS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

B General Revenue Fund

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С	GRF	769412 Ohio School Safety Center	\$25,000,000	\$0
D	TOTAL	GRF General Revenue Fund	\$25,000,000	\$0
E	TOTAL	ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$25,000,000	\$0

OHIO SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 769412, Ohio School 16 Safety Center, shall be used by the Department of Public Safety 17 to distribute, beginning January 1, 2026, or as soon as possible 18 thereafter, pilot grants to school districts, community schools 19 established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM 20 schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and 21 chartered nonpublic schools to purchase a wearable panic alert 22 system or other form of panic alert system or enter into a 23 contract with a private vendor for artificial intelligence 24 firearm detection software for the district's or school's 25 facilities. 26

(B) For the purposes of the pilot grant program, the 27 Department shall develop an application process, a method to 28 29 determine grant amounts, and criteria for approving grants awarded under the program. The method used to determine grant 30 amounts shall, to the extent practicable, equally distribute 31 funds to districts and schools in urban, suburban, and rural 32 areas and to districts and schools with different student 33 enrollment sizes and socioeconomic statuses. The criteria for 34 approving grants shall include all of the following: 35

(1) A requirement that the district or school not have a
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security system in place at the time the application is
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submitted;

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(2) A requirement that any panic alert system that a	39
district or school intends to purchase meets all of the	40
following criteria:	41
(a) The system is capable of integrating with local public	42
safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls	43
and mobile activations.	44
(b) The system is capable of initiating campus-wide	45
lockdown notifications.	46
(c) The system provides panic alert devices that allow for	47
immediate contact with emergency response agencies.	48
(d) The system was developed in the United States without	49
the use of any third-party or open-source data.	50
(e) The system is managed directly by the contracted	51
vendor through a constantly monitored operations center.	52
(f) The system has been successfully deployed in other	53
districts, schools, or state organizations.	54
(3) If a district or school intends to use a grant to	55
purchase a panic alert system, a requirement that the district	56
or school agrees to do all of the following to implement a panic	57
alert system purchased under the program:	58
(a) Provide each appropriate staff person in a school	59
facility, as determined by the district or school in	60
consultation with the device manufacturer or per the device	61
manufacturer's recommendations, with a panic alert device;	62
(b) Ensure that all school facility personnel receive	63
training on the protocol for and appropriate use of the panic	64
alert device;	65

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(c) Ensure that all security data within a school	66
facility, including cameras, maps, and access control, is	67
accessible by a local law enforcement agency;	68
(d) Coordinate with the local law enforcement agency to	69
establish appropriate access protocols for security data.	70
(4) A requirement that any artificial intelligence firearm	71
detection software that a district or school intends to use	72
meets all of the following criteria:	73
(a) The software detects and alerts school district	74
personnel and first responders about the presence of visible,	75
unholstered firearms on school property.	76
(b) The software is designated as qualified anti-terrorism	77
technology under the "Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering	78
Effective Technologies Act of 2002," 6 U.S.C. 441, et seq.	79
(c) The software is capable of integrating with a school	80
building's security camera infrastructure.	81
(d) The software was developed in the United States	82
without the use of any third-party or open-source data.	83
(e) The software is managed directly by the contracted	84
vendor through a constantly monitored operations center that is	85
staffed by highly trained analysts who are capable of rapidly	86
communicating possible threats to law enforcement and	87
appropriate district or school personnel.	88
(f) The software has been successfully deployed in other	89
districts, schools, or state organizations.	90
(C) The Department shall distribute a grant to each	91
district or school with an approved application.	92

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(D) A district or school that receives a grant under the 93 pilot grant program shall use the grant to purchase a wearable 94 panic alert system or other form of panic alert system or to 95 enter into a contract with a private vendor for artificial 96 intelligence firearm detection software. A district or school 97 may use a grant distributed under the pilot grant program to 98 99 purchase a panic alert system that uses firearm detection software fully designated as qualified anti-terrorism technology 100 under the "Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective 101 Technologies Act of 2002," 6 U.S.C. 441, et seq. 102

(E) Not later than December 1, 2027, the Department shall 103 submit to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance 104 with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, a report detailing the 105 findings of the pilot grant program. The report shall include 106 findings and data on program applications, grants awarded, 107 program participation, outcomes, and information on types of 108 devices purchased, firearm detection software utilized, types of 109 staff members receiving devices, cost of devices or software, 110 including annual renewal costs if applicable, frequency of 111 device use, and types of accidents reported. 112

Section 3. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 113 Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 114 indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 115 made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 116 appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 117 operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 118 accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 119 applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act 120 of the 136th General Assembly. 121

Section 4. This act shall be known as Alyssa's Law. 122

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