

HOUSE BILL NO. 4198

March 11, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Tisdell, Steele, Kunse, Roth and DeBoer and referred to Committee on Education and Workforce.

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 or nonpublic school shall implement a mobile
4 panic alert system for use in a school security emergency using the
5 funds under section 97n of the state school aid act of 1979, MCL

1 388.1697n. A mobile panic alert system implemented under this
2 subsection must 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 through landline
9 activations and mobile activations, including mobile applications
10 and standard mobile calls, with continued 2-way direct
11 communication between 9-1-1 public safety answering points and
12 schools.

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

28 (3) The governing body of a public school or nonpublic school
29 is not required to implement a mobile panic alert system as

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

21 (4) If a public school or nonpublic school fails to comply
22 with subsection (1) or receive an exemption under subsection (3),
23 the department of state police may determine that the public school
24 or nonpublic school is ineligible to receive any school safety
25 grants from the department of state police for the fiscal year in
26 which the noncompliance is discovered by the department of state
27 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. ____ (request no. S00479'25) or House Bill
13 No. 4199 (request no. H00479'25) of the 103rd Legislature is
14 enacted into law.