SENATE BILL NO. 76

February 11, 2025, Introduced by Senators WEBBER and DAMOOSE and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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. 77 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into
- **13** law.