

Senate Bill 17

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the
2 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities and
3 state-wide first responder building mapping information system, respectively, so as to enact
4 "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; to require public and private schools to implement a mobile panic
5 alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure
6 real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event
7 of a school security emergency; to provide for the implementation of additional strategies or
8 systems; to provide for exceptions; to require public and private schools to procure school
9 mapping data; to provide for requirements of such school mapping data; to authorize the
10 Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and
11 regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for immunity from civil
12 liability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
13 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

15 **SECTION 1.**

16 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Ricky and Alyssa's Law."

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SECTION 2.

Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public and private school shall implement a mobile panic alert system capable of:

(1) Connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies. Such system shall be known as the 'Alyssa's Alert' and shall integrate with the technology used in each local public safety answering point, including, but not limited to, Next Generation 9-1-1, as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-181, to transmit 911 calls and mobile activations; and

(2) Integrating with the school mapping data required in Code Section 38-3-154.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, each local school system may implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency.

(c) No local school system shall be required to procure or implement new or additional capabilities if, as of July 1, 2026, such local school system has a functioning mobile panic alert system in place with capabilities that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide first responder building mapping information system, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 38-3-151, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(4) 'School mapping data' means building information, floor plans, and aerial imagery of any public or private school."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"38-3-154.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public and private school shall procure school mapping data which shall:

(1) Be in formats that conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that respond to emergencies at schools and that do not require such agencies to purchase additional software or provide payment in order to view or access such data;

(2) Be in formats capable of being printed, shared electronically, and, if requested, digitally integrated into interactive mobile platforms;

(3) Be verified for accuracy by July 1 each year by the entity producing such school mapping data by means of an in-person inspection of each school;

(4) Identify and label access points of each building interior, including, but not limited to, rooms, doors, stairwells, and hallways, each of which shall include any identifiers or names utilized by staff and students;

(5) Identify and label locations of critical utilities, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits or other emergency response aids; and

(6) Identify and label areas at or near each school, including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, outbuildings, and neighboring properties.

(b) Any future updates to school mapping data provided for in this Code section shall conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to each school.

(c) The agency shall be authorized to develop rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data, including, but not limited to, standards for the use of school mapping data, encryption of such data, and transmission of such data over secure methods to law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other authorized emergency first responders.

(d) Information provided to the agency under this Code section shall be exempt from public disclosure to the extent provided in Code Section 50-18-72.

(e)(1) Local boards of education, local school systems, public and private schools, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data.

(2) Employees of local boards of education, local school systems, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data unless it is shown that such employee acted with gross negligence or bad faith."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.