

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to SB 17:

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 schools to implement a mobile panic alert  
5 system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time  
6 coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school  
7 security emergency; to provide for the implementation of additional strategies or systems;  
8 to provide for exceptions; to require public schools to procure school mapping data; to  
9 provide for requirements of such school mapping data; to authorize the Georgia Emergency  
10 Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the  
11 requirements for school mapping data; to provide for immunity from civil liability; to  
12 provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
13 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.**

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

20 "Part 4

21 20-2-590.

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

24 (1) Connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time  
25 coordination between multiple local and state law enforcement and first responder  
26 agencies. Such system shall be known as the 'Alyssa's Alert' and shall integrate with the  
27 technology used in each local public safety answering point, including, but not limited  
28 to, Next Generation 9-1-1, as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-181, to transmit  
29 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations; and

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

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

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

38 **SECTION 3.**

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

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

44 **SECTION 4.**

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

46 "38-3-154.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

81 **SECTION 5.**

82 This Act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

83 **SECTION 6.**

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