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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring panic alarm systems in schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Alyssa's Law".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 409-n to read as follows:

§ 409-n. Installation of panic alarm systems in schools. 1. As used in this section, "panic alarm system" means a silent security system signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-threatening or emergency situation requiring a response from law enforcement. Such silent security system may include one or more of the following: wired panic button or buttons, wireless panic button or buttons or a mobile or computer application.

2. Each public elementary and secondary school building shall be equipped with a panic alarm system for use in a school security emergency including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation. The alarm shall be directly linked to local law enforcement authorities or, in the case of a school building located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, a location designated by the superintendent of state police, and shall immediately transmit a signal or message to such authorities upon activation. The alarm shall not be audible within the school building.

3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a school district to alter or install any components of a panic alarm system if such school district has a panic alarm system activated that complies with the requirements of this section.

4. Any funds expended for the purchase or installation of a panic alarm system as required by this section shall be eligible for building

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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aid reimbursement pursuant to subdivision six-c of section three thousand six hundred two of this chapter.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that within one year of the effective date of this act, all school districts shall be in compliance with the provisions of this act. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.