

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM  
2026 REGULAR SESSION  
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Amend printed copy of **HB 643**

On page 1, line 3 through page 3, line 8 delete Sections 1 to 3 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) Each local school district may implement a wearable panic alert system at each school facility.

(2) As used in this section "wearable panic alert system" means:

(a) A silent security system by which the user manually activates a device that sends a nonaudible signal to the local 911 public safety answering point and emergency responder agencies that indicates a school security emergency that requires immediate response and assistance from the public safety answering point; or

(b) A firearm carried concealed on the person by a teacher or other certified school staff member for defensive purposes in a school security emergency.

(3) (a) For systems under subsection (2)(a) of this section, the wearable panic alert system shall:

1. Connect emergency service technologies to ensure real-time coordination among multiple emergency responder agencies;

2. Integrate with public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 911

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calls and mobile activations; and

3. Be capable of initiating a campuswide lockdown notification; and

(b) For systems under subsection (2)(b) of this section, the firearm shall be carried in compliance with KRS 237.110 and any applicable federal laws, and shall not be required to meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(4) The department shall provide a list of approved wearable panic alert systems. At a minimum:

(a) For systems under subsection (2)(a) of this section, an approved system shall:

1. Alert designated school personnel by smartphone application, phone call, text message, or other technology when an emergency response is initiated on-site using the mobile panic alert system;

2. Provide emergency responders with the location and movements of the activator of the wearable panic alert system in order to assist first responders during an emergency;

3. Integrate designated school personnel with emergency responders to provide real-time situational updates during an emergency; and

4. Be capable of ingesting data from panic button activations, school safety camera and video data, and other real-time school safety data sources on a single interface; and

(b) For systems under subsection (2)(b) of this section, approved firearms shall be those legally permissible under Kentucky law for concealed carry by licensed individuals.

(5) A school district that procures or permits a wearable panic alert system shall:

(a) For systems under subsection (2)(a) of this section:

1. Ensure, before the school year begins, all school building personnel receive

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training on the protocol and appropriate use of the panic alert device described in subsection (2) of this section;

2. Ensure all security data, including but not limited to cameras, maps, and access control within a school building, are accessible by local law enforcement agencies;

3. Coordinate with all local law enforcement agencies to establish appropriate access protocols; and

4. Provide each staff person with a wearable panic alert system device that allows for immediate contact with local emergency response agencies; and

(b) For systems under subsection (2)(b) of this section:

1. Ensure that only teachers or certified staff who hold a valid license to carry a concealed deadly weapon pursuant to KRS 237.110 are authorized by the district to carry a firearm;

2. Provide training on safe handling, storage, and use of firearms in school emergencies, in addition to any training required under paragraph (a)1. of this subsection;

3. Notwithstanding KRS 527.070 or any other provision of law, authorize licensed certified teachers or staff to carry concealed firearms on school property for school safety purposes;

4. Coordinate with local law enforcement to establish protocols for firearm use in emergencies; and

5. Ensure that firearms are not accessible to students and are carried discreetly.

(6) (a) The Center for School Safety shall establish a Wearable Panic Alert Grant Program for school districts.

(b) The program shall provide a fifty percent (50%) match to school districts for the

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*implementation of a wearable panic alert system under subsection (2)(a) or (b) of this section or for maintenance costs associated with such a system, if funds are available.*

*(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a local school board from adopting additional policies to facilitate the carrying of concealed firearms by licensed teachers or staff, provided such policies comply with state and federal law.*

➔Section 2. KRS 158.446 is amended to read as follows:

*(1) Of the funds appropriated to support the school safety fund program in the biennial budget, no more than*~~[twenty percent (20%) of the funds in 1998-99, and]~~ *ten percent (10%)* ~~[in 1999-2000,]~~ shall be used for the operation of the Center for School Safety.

*(2) The Center for School Safety may distribute wearable panic alert grants in accordance with subsection (6) of Section 1 of this Act, including for systems under subsection (2)(b) of Section 1 of this Act, using funds appropriated to support the school safety fund program in the biennial budget*~~[ and grants to be distributed by the Center to support exemplary programs in local school districts].~~

*(3) The remainder of the appropriation shall be distributed to local school districts on a per pupil basis. The funds shall be used for the purpose of improving school safety and student discipline through alternative education programs and intervention services in compliance with KRS 158.148, 158.150, and 158.445.*

*(4) School districts shall be responsible for documenting the purposes for which these funds were expended.*

➔Section 3. This Act may be cited as Alyssa's Law."