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House Bill 4798

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Leavitt, Parsons, Pritt, Ellington, Hornby, and Butler

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Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §18-9F-9a, relating to requiring all schools in the state to implement a wearable
3 panic alert system to be known as Alyssa's law.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 9F. SCHOOL ACCESS SAFETY ACT.

§18-9F-9a. Wearable panic alert system, "Alyssa's law".

1 (a) The state board in conjunction with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency
2 Management shall promulgate by December 31, 2026, a legislative rule in accordance with §29A-
3 3B-1 *et seq.* of this code, and if necessary may promulgate an emergency rule in accordance with
4 that article, requiring that a wearable panic alert system device shall be implemented at every
5 school in the state, and which shall be known as Alyssa's law.

6 (b) Each wearable panic alert system device shall be capable of integrating with local
7 public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations and
8 initiating a campus-wide lockdown notification.

9 (c) Each county board shall provide each staff person in a school facility with a wearable
10 panic alert device that allows for immediate contact with local emergency response agencies.

11 (d) Prior to the first day of school each year, each county board shall ensure that all school
12 facility personnel receive training on the protocol for and appropriate use of the panic alert device.

13 (e) Each county board shall ensure that all security data within a school facility is
14 accessible by a local law-enforcement agency and coordinate with the local law-enforcement
15 agency to establish appropriate access protocols. Accessible security data includes cameras,
16 maps, and access control.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to implement a wearable panic alert system, to be known as Alyssa's law, in all schools in the state.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.