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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1492

5 By: Representative Gramlich  
6 By: Senator Dees  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
10 OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO PROVIDE ALL  
11 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WITH A WEARABLE PANIC ALERT SYSTEM  
12 DEVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
16 AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER  
17 SCHOOL TO PROVIDE ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES  
18 WITH A WEARABLE PANIC ALERT SYSTEM  
19 DEVICE.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 13, is  
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-15-1306. Wearable panic alert system – Required.

27 (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the board of directors  
28 of each public school district and the governing authority of each open-  
29 enrollment public charter school shall implement a wearable panic alert  
30 system in each public school within its public school district or open-  
31 enrollment public charter school system.

32 (b) The wearable panic alert system required under this section shall:

33 (1) Integrate with local Public Safety Answering Point  
34 infrastructure to transmit 911 calls and mobile activations; and

35 (2) Initiate a campus-wide lockdown notification.

36 (c) Except as provided under subsection (g) of this section, each



1 public school district and open-enrollment public charter school shall  
2 provide each individual employed by the public school district or open-  
3 enrollment public charter school with a wearable panic alert device that  
4 allows the individual to immediately contact local emergency response  
5 agencies.

6 (d) Before the first day of school of each school year, each public  
7 school district board of directors and governing authority of an open-  
8 enrollment public charter school shall ensure that all school employees  
9 receive training on the protocol for and appropriate use of the panic alert  
10 device.

11 (e)(1) Each public school district and open-enrollment public charter  
12 school shall:

13 (A) Ensure that all security data within the public school  
14 district or open-enrollment public charter school is accessible by a local  
15 law enforcement agency; and

16 (B) Coordinate with local law enforcement agencies to  
17 establish appropriate access protocols with respect to security data.

18 (2) Accessible security under subdivision (e)(1) of this section  
19 includes cameras, maps, and access control.

20 (f)(1) Any records, information, photographs, audio and visual  
21 representations, schematic diagrams, surveys, recommendations, or  
22 consultations or portions of consultations, that relate directly to the  
23 physical security or fire safety of a public school district or an open-  
24 enrollment public charter school facility or reveal security or fire safety  
25 systems that are accessed or held by a government agency are not public  
26 records and not available for public inspection under the Freedom of  
27 Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

28 (2) Information under subdivision (f)(1) of this section may be  
29 disclosed:

30 (A) To the property owner or leaseholder of the public  
31 school district or open-enrollment public charter school facility;

32 (B) In furtherance of the official duties and  
33 responsibilities of the government agency that holds the information;

34 (C) To another local, state, or federal agency in  
35 furtherance of that agency's official duties and responsibilities; or

36 (D) Upon a showing of good cause before a court of

1 competent jurisdiction.

2 (g) This section does not apply to a statewide open-enrollment public  
3 charter school that operates primarily as a virtual school.

4 (h) The Department of Education may adopt rules to implement this  
5 section.

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/s/Gramlich

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