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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1524

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require silent alarms in elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alyssa’s Legacy Youth
5 in Schools Safety Alert Act” or the “ALYSSA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING SILENT ALARMS IN SCHOOLS.**

7 (a) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY PLANS.—Section
8 1112(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6312(c)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (5)(B)(ii)(III), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the
4 end;

5 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
6 the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (4) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(8) ensure that each school served by the local
9 educational agency is prepared to address a school
10 security emergency, including through the use of
11 panic alarms (as defined in section 8549D).”.

12 (b) CONDITION OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—Subpart 2
13 of part F of title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary
14 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amend-
15 ed by adding at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 8549D. SCHOOL SECURITY.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receipt of
18 funds under this Act, each local educational agency shall
19 ensure that each elementary school and secondary school
20 served by such local educational agency is equipped with
21 at least one panic alarm for use in a school security emer-
22 gency (including a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active
23 shooter situation).

24 “(b) PANIC ALARM DEFINED.—For purposes of this
25 section and section 1112(c)(8), the term ‘panic alarm’

1 means a silent security system signal generated by the
2 manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-
3 threatening or emergency situation requiring a response
4 from law enforcement.”.

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