

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3101**

Ordered by the House March 15  
Including House Amendments dated March 15

Sponsored by Representatives LEVY E, BOWMAN; Representatives EVANS, LEVY B

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Requires schools to have at least one panic alarm in each school building.]*

**Requires schools to have wireless panic alert device in each classroom of each school building. Provides exceptions.**

**Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for purpose of assisting school districts to purchase and install wireless panic alert devices and systems.**

**Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to school safety; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.071; and declaring an emer-  
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.071 is amended to read:

6 **336.071. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) **“Classroom” means a room or area in a school building where students are regularly**  
8 **provided educational services.**

9 (b) **“Panic alert device” means a device that:**

10 (A) **Allows for immediate contact with emergency medical services providers, law**  
11 **enforcement or firefighters;**

12 (B) **Allows for communication with, or the provision of alerts to, other persons at the**  
13 **school; and**

14 (C) **Is generated by the manual activation of a device or the manual activation of a signal**  
15 **through electronic means.**

16 (c) **“School” means any:**

17 (A) **Kindergarten through grade 12 public or private school, including a public charter**  
18 **school; or**

19 (B) **Educational institution having an average daily attendance of 50 or more students.**

20 (d) **“School building” means any building that is regularly used by a school to provide**  
21 **educational services to students in kindergarten through grade 12 or any combination of**  
22 **those grade levels.**

23 (2) **Every school is required to have emergency safeguards to protect the safety and**  
24 **well-being of students and staff at the school. The emergency safeguards must include, at a**  
25 **minimum:**

26 *[(1)]* (a) *[All schools are required to instruct and drill students]* **Drills and instruction on**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 emergency procedures so that *[the]* students can respond to an emergency without confusion or  
2 panic.

3 **(b) Except as provided by subsection (6) of this section, a wireless panic alert device in**  
4 **each classroom of each school building.**

5 **(3)** The *[emergency procedures shall include]* drills and instruction **required by this section**  
6 **must be on:**

7 (a) Fires;

8 (b) Earthquakes, which shall include tsunami drills and instruction in schools in a tsunami haz-  
9 ard zone; and

10 (c) Safety threats.

11 *[(2)(a)]* **(4)(a)** Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of ex-  
12 iting the school building.

13 (b) Drills and instruction on earthquake emergencies shall include the earthquake emergency  
14 response procedure known as “drop, cover and hold on.” A school may drill earthquake emergency  
15 response procedures in addition to “drop, cover and hold on” when the school determines, based on  
16 evaluation of specific engineering and structural issues related to a building, that “drop, cover and  
17 hold on” may not be the most effective earthquake emergency response procedure to prevent or limit  
18 injury or loss of life.

19 (c) Drills and instruction on tsunami emergencies shall include immediate evacuation after an  
20 earthquake when appropriate or after a tsunami warning to protect students against inundation by  
21 tsunamis.

22 (d) Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include:

23 (A) Procedures related to lockdown, lockout, shelter in place and evacuation; and

24 (B) Other appropriate actions to take when there is a threat to safety.

25 *[(3)(a)]* **(5)(a)** At least 30 minutes in each school month shall be used to instruct students on the  
26 emergency procedures **for emergencies** described in subsection *[(1)]* **(3)** of this section.

27 (b) At least two drills on earthquakes shall be conducted each year.

28 (c) At least two drills on safety threats shall be conducted each year.

29 (d) In schools in a tsunami hazard zone, at least three drills on earthquakes and tsunamis shall  
30 be conducted each year.

31 **(6) A school is not required to have a wireless panic alert device in each classroom of**  
32 **each school building if:**

33 **(a) The school chooses to use a hard-wired panic alert device, or a combination of**  
34 **wireless and hard-wired panic alert devices, as long as each classroom of each school building**  
35 **has a panic alert device.**

36 **(b) The school is a public school and the purchase and maintenance of panic alert devices**  
37 **causes a financial hardship. For the purpose of this paragraph, a financial hardship is caused**  
38 **when:**

39 **(A) A school lacks the technical infrastructure to support wireless panic alert devices;**  
40 **and**

41 **(B) The governing body of the school determines that sufficient funding is not available**  
42 **to install and maintain hard-wired panic alert devices.**

43 **(c) The school is a private school.**

44 *[(4)]* **(7)** All schools shall maintain all exit doors so that the doors can be opened from the inside  
45 without a key during school hours **and shall ensure that all panic alert devices are maintained**

1 **and in working order.**

2 [(5)] (8) Units of local government and state agencies associated with emergency procedures  
3 training and planning shall:

4 (a) Review emergency procedures proposed by schools; and

5 (b) Assist schools in the instruction and drilling of students in emergency procedures.

6 [(6) *As used in this section, "school" means any:*]

7 [(a) *Kindergarten through grade 12 public or private school; or*]

8 [(b) *Educational institution having an average daily attendance of 50 or more students.*]

9 (9) **The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration  
10 of this section.**

11 **SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 336.071 by section 1 of this 2023 Act become  
12 operative July 1, 2024.**

13 (2) **The amendments to ORS 336.071 by section 1 of this 2023 Act first apply to the  
14 2024-2025 school year.**

15 (3) **Notwithstanding the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, the  
16 State Board of Education, the Department of Education and school districts may take any  
17 action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary  
18 for the board, department or district to exercise, on and after the operative date specified  
19 in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the  
20 board, department and district by the amendments to ORS 336.071 by section 1 of this 2023  
21 Act.**

22 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
23 ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the  
24 General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which shall be expended to assist school districts to  
25 purchase and install wireless panic alert devices and systems, including 9-1-1 integration.**

26 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
27 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect  
28 July 1, 2023.**