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H. R. 4999

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

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. MACE, Mr. BACON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. CARSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the 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”.

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

2 (a) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY PLANS.—Section
3 1112(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
4 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6312(c)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **“SEC. 8549D. SCHOOL SECURITY.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receipt of
22 funds under this Act, each local educational agency shall
23 ensure that each elementary school and secondary school
24 served by such local educational agency is equipped with
25 at least one panic alarm for use in a school security emer-

1 gency (including a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active
2 shooter situation).

3 “(b) PANIC ALARM DEFINED.—For purposes of this
4 section and section 1112(c)(8), the term ‘panic alarm’
5 means a silent security system signal generated by the
6 manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-
7 threatening or emergency situation requiring a response
8 from law enforcement.”.

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