

C	GRF	769412 Ohio School Safety Center	\$25,000,000	\$0
D	TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$25,000,000	\$0
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$25,000,000	\$0

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(A) The foregoing appropriation item 769412, Ohio School Safety Center, shall be used by the Department of Public Safety to distribute, beginning January 1, 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter, pilot grants to school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and chartered nonpublic schools to purchase a wearable panic alert system or other form of panic alert system or enter into a contract with a private vendor for artificial intelligence firearm detection software for the district's or school's facilities. 16
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(B) For the purposes of the pilot grant program, the Department shall develop an application process, a method to determine grant amounts, and criteria for approving grants awarded under the program. The method used to determine grant amounts shall, to the extent practicable, equally distribute funds to districts and schools in urban, suburban, and rural areas and to districts and schools with different student enrollment sizes and socioeconomic statuses. The criteria for approving grants shall include all of the following: 27
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(1) A requirement that the district or school not have a security system in place at the time the application is submitted; 36
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(2) A requirement that any panic alert system that a district or school intends to purchase meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The system is capable of integrating with local public safety answering point infrastructure to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations.

(b) The system is capable of initiating campus-wide lockdown notifications.

(c) The system provides panic alert devices that allow for immediate contact with emergency response agencies.

(d) The system was developed in the United States without the use of any third-party or open-source data.

(e) The system is managed directly by the contracted vendor through a constantly monitored operations center.

(f) The system has been successfully deployed in other districts, schools, or state organizations.

(3) If a district or school intends to use a grant to purchase a panic alert system, a requirement that the district or school agrees to do all of the following to implement a panic alert system purchased under the program:

(a) Provide each appropriate staff person in a school facility, as determined by the district or school in consultation with the device manufacturer or per the device manufacturer's recommendations, with a panic alert device;

(b) Ensure that all school facility personnel receive training on the protocol for and appropriate use of the panic alert device;

(c) Ensure that all security data within a school facility, including cameras, maps, and access control, is accessible by a local law enforcement agency;

(d) Coordinate with the local law enforcement agency to establish appropriate access protocols for security data.

(4) A requirement that any artificial intelligence firearm detection software that a district or school intends to use meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The software detects and alerts school district personnel and first responders about the presence of visible, unholstered firearms on school property.

(b) The software is designated as qualified anti-terrorism technology under the "Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002," 6 U.S.C. 441, et seq.

(c) The software is capable of integrating with a school building's security camera infrastructure.

(d) The software was developed in the United States without the use of any third-party or open-source data.

(e) The software is managed directly by the contracted vendor through a constantly monitored operations center that is staffed by highly trained analysts who are capable of rapidly communicating possible threats to law enforcement and appropriate district or school personnel.

(f) The software has been successfully deployed in other districts, schools, or state organizations.

(C) The Department shall distribute a grant to each district or school with an approved application.

(D) A district or school that receives a grant under the pilot grant program shall use the grant to purchase a wearable panic alert system or other form of panic alert system or to enter into a contract with a private vendor for artificial intelligence firearm detection software. A district or school may use a grant distributed under the pilot grant program to purchase a panic alert system that uses firearm detection software fully designated as qualified anti-terrorism technology under the "Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002," 6 U.S.C. 441, et seq.

(E) Not later than December 1, 2027, the Department shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, a report detailing the findings of the pilot grant program. The report shall include findings and data on program applications, grants awarded, program participation, outcomes, and information on types of devices purchased, firearm detection software utilized, types of staff members receiving devices, cost of devices or software, including annual renewal costs if applicable, frequency of device use, and types of accidents reported.

Section 3. Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act of the 136th General Assembly.

Section 4. This act shall be known as Alyssa's Law.