
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5004

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Torres, Christian, Dozier, Harris, Krishnadasan, McCune, Salomon, Schoesler, and J. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency response systems in public schools
2 including panic or alert buttons; and amending RCW 28A.320.126.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.126 and 2019 c 333 s 16 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) School districts must work collaboratively with local law
7 enforcement agencies, public safety answering points, and ((school
8 security personnel)) safety and security staff as defined in RCW
9 28A.320.124 to develop an emergency response system using evolving
10 technology to expedite the response and arrival of law enforcement in
11 the event of a threat or emergency at a school. ((School districts
12 are encouraged to use the model policies developed by the school
13 safety center in the office of the superintendent of public
14 instruction as a resource.)) "Emergency response system" includes at
15 least one of the following:

16 (a) Panic or alert buttons that are tied to school
17 administration, school district staff, and emergency response
18 providers;

19 (b) Live video feed with law enforcement, school district, and
20 school access;

1 (c) Live audio feed with law enforcement, school district, and
2 school access;

3 (d) Remote control access to doors; or

4 (e) Live interactive two-way communications.

5 (2) Each school district must submit a progress report on its
6 implementation of an emergency response system as required under this
7 section to the office of the superintendent of public instruction by
8 ((December 1, 2014)) October 1, 2025. By December 1, 2025, the office
9 of the superintendent of public instruction must compile the
10 information submitted by school districts and report to the
11 legislature on the types of emergency response systems used by school
12 districts.

13 (3) This section governs school operation and management under
14 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools
15 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education
16 compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW.

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