

HOUSE BILL 7024

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 49 and Title 68, relative to school safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each public and private elementary and secondary school facility must be equipped with an alarm system to be used in cases of an active shooter that has the following characteristics:

(1) The system utilizes a sound that is unmistakably different from any other alarm or signal that may be used within the facility;

(2) The sound emitted by the alarm is loud enough to disorient the active shooter and is accompanied by bright, flashing strobe lights;

(3) The system can be activated from a remote location; and

(4) Once activated, the system automatically dispatches law enforcement to the school without utilizing the 911 system.

(b) The department of education shall provide grants to each LEA and private school operator to cover the cost of the installation and maintenance of the alarm system, subject to appropriations by the general assembly.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.