



**Amendment to  
Rule 6A-1.0018, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)  
School Safety Requirements and Monitoring**

**Compliance Monitoring for School Districts and Charter Schools**

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## Background and Purpose

The proposed rule amendment will further enhance school safety through increased accountability for school districts and public schools. It will:

- Provide school districts, including charter schools, detailed guidance on implementation of Alyssa's Alert as required by Senate Bill 70 (2020).
- Incorporate new requirements for parent notification and emergency drills in Senate Bill 590 (2021).

## Expectations & Requirements Outlined in the Rule

### Alyssa's Alert Implementation

- Requires mobile devices throughout each campus, affording all staff the ability to silently activate a panic alert in the event of an emergency.
- By August 1, 2022, school districts must include Alyssa's Alert in their local emergency policies and procedures, developed in consultation with the county 911 authority and local emergency management office to ensure integration with local public safety answering point infrastructure.

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### Notification to Parents

- Requires districts to establish policies for notifying parents of threats and unlawful acts or significant emergencies.
- District policies must address the timing, content, scope and manner of notification, circumstances when law enforcement must be consulted and person or entity responsible for parental notification.

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### Emergency Drill Accommodations

- Requires drills to be conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate procedures.
- Allows school districts to develop policies for accommodations for drills at exceptional student education centers.



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