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53G-8-805 Panic alert device -- Security cameras -- Key box.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Universal access key box" means a UL Standard 1037 compliant secure container designed to store and protect emergency access keys and devices.
 - (b) "Emergency responder" means law enforcement, fire service, or emergency medical personnel authorized by local authorities to respond to school emergencies.
- (2) In accordance with the results of the school safety needs assessment described in Section 53G-8-701.5, an LEA shall provide the following with a wearable panic alert device that shall communicate directly with public safety answering points:
 - (a) the lead teacher in each classroom; and
 - (b) beginning July 1, 2027, the appropriate school safety personnel described in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(2).
- (3) An LEA shall ensure, before the school year begins, all school building personnel receive training on the protocol and appropriate use of the panic alert device described in Subsection (2).
- (4) An LEA shall:
 - (a) ensure all security cameras within a school building are accessible by:
 - (i) a local law enforcement agency; and
 - (ii) public safety answering points;
 - (b) coordinate with a local law enforcement agency to establish appropriate access protocols; and
 - (c) physically mark all hallways and doorways consistent with the incident response method or system the state security chief creates.
- (5) A school building shall include universal access key boxes that:
 - (a) are installed at main entry points;
 - (b) contain master keys and access devices providing complete access to all areas of the school;
 - (c) are accessible only to authorized emergency responders;
 - (d) are electronically monitored for tampering; and
 - (e) are weather-resistant and vandal-resistant.
- (6) An LEA shall:
 - (a) maintain universal access key boxes by:
 - (i) conducting quarterly inspections;
 - (ii) updating contents within 24 hours of any lock or access control changes;
 - (iii) maintaining current key and access device inventories;
 - (iv) documenting all inspections and updates; and
 - (v) immediately replacing any damaged or malfunctioning boxes;
 - (b) coordinate with local emergency responders to:
 - (i) determine optimal box placement;
 - (ii) establish access protocols;
 - (iii) maintain current emergency contact information; and
 - (iv) conduct annual reviews of box usage and effectiveness; and
 - (c) include universal access key box locations and protocols in:
 - (i) school emergency response plans;
 - (ii) building schematic diagrams provided to emergency responders; and
 - (iii) school safety and security training materials.
- (7) The state board shall:
 - (a) establish standards for:

- (i) box installation and placement;
 - (ii) access control and monitoring;
 - (iii) maintenance schedules; and
 - (iv) compliance verification;
 - (b) in direct coordination with the state security chief, ensure new construction or major remodeling of a school building shall include the installation of automated external defibrillators in appropriate locations as the state board determines; and
 - (c) provide technical assistance to LEAs implementing this section.
- (8) Nothing in this section:
- (a) affects requirements for fire department key boxes under applicable building or fire codes; or
 - (b) restricts additional security measures implemented by LEAs that exceed these requirements.
- (9) This section is not subject to the restrictions in Section 41-6a-2003.

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