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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to measures for ensuring public school safety, including
 1-22 the commissioning of peace officers by the Texas Education Agency,
 1-23 the composition of the board of directors of the Texas School Safety
 1-24 Center, public school safety and security requirements and
 1-25 resources, and the reporting of child abuse or neglect by public
 1-26 school employees.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Article [2A.001](#), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-29 amended to conform to Section 2, Chapter 624 (H.B. 4372), Section 1,
 1-30 Chapter 870 (H.B. 3981), Section 1, Chapter 950 (S.B. 1727), and
 1-31 Section 1, Chapter 984 (S.B. 2612), Acts of the 88th Legislature,
 1-32 Regular Session, 2023, and is further amended to read as follows:

1-33 Art. 2A.001. PEACE OFFICERS GENERALLY. The following are
 1-34 peace officers:

1-35 (1) a sheriff, a sheriff's deputy, or a reserve deputy
 1-36 sheriff who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under
 1-37 Chapter [1701](#), Occupations Code;

1-38 (2) a constable, a deputy constable, or a reserve
 1-39 deputy constable who holds a permanent peace officer license issued
 1-40 under Chapter [1701](#), Occupations Code;

1-41 (3) a marshal or police officer of a municipality or a
 1-42 reserve municipal police officer who holds a permanent peace
 1-43 officer license issued under Chapter [1701](#), Occupations Code;

1-44 (4) a ranger, officer, or member of the reserve
 1-45 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the
 1-46 director of the Department of Public Safety;

1-47 (5) an investigator of a district attorney's, criminal
 1-48 district attorney's, or county attorney's office;

1-49 (6) a law enforcement agent of the Texas Alcoholic
 1-50 Beverage Commission;

1-51 (7) a member of an arson investigating unit
 1-52 commissioned by a municipality, a county, or the state;

1-53 (8) an officer commissioned under Section [37.081](#) or
 1-54 [37.0818](#), Education Code, or Subchapter [E](#), Chapter [51](#), Education
 1-55 Code;

1-56 (9) an officer commissioned by the Texas Facilities
 1-57 Commission;

1-58 (10) a law enforcement officer commissioned by the
 1-59 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-60 (11) an officer commissioned under Chapter [23](#),
 1-61 Transportation Code;

- 2-1 (12) a municipal park and recreational patrol officer
 2-2 or security officer;
- 2-3 (13) a security officer or investigator commissioned
 2-4 as a peace officer by the comptroller;
- 2-5 (14) an officer commissioned by a water control and
 2-6 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
- 2-7 (15) an officer commissioned by a board of trustees
 2-8 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
- 2-9 (16) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Medical
 2-10 Board;
- 2-11 (17) an officer commissioned by:
- 2-12 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
 2-13 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar
 2-14 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District
 2-15 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;
- 2-16 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County
 2-17 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
 2-18 Laws Code;
- 2-19 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
 2-20 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
 2-21 Special District Local Laws Code; or
- 2-22 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock
 2-23 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section
 2-24 1053.113, Special District Local Laws Code;
- 2-25 (18) a county park ranger commissioned under
 2-26 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;
- 2-27 (19) an investigator employed by the Texas Racing
 2-28 Commission;
- 2-29 (20) an officer commissioned under Chapter 554,
 2-30 Occupations Code;
- 2-31 (21) an officer commissioned by the governing body of
 2-32 a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
 2-33 Transportation Code, or a regional transportation authority under
 2-34 Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
- 2-35 (22) an investigator commissioned by the attorney
 2-36 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
- 2-37 (23) a security officer or investigator commissioned
 2-38 as a peace officer under Chapter 466, Government Code;
- 2-39 (24) an officer appointed by an appellate court under
 2-40 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;
- 2-41 (25) an officer commissioned by the state fire marshal
 2-42 under Chapter 417, Government Code;
- 2-43 (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
 2-44 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;
- 2-45 (27) an officer appointed by the inspector general of
 2-46 [~~apprehension specialist or inspector general commissioned by~~] the
 2-47 Texas Juvenile Justice Department [~~as an officer~~] under Section
 2-48 242.102 [~~or 243.052~~], Human Resources Code;
- 2-49 (28) an officer appointed by the inspector general of
 2-50 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
 2-51 Government Code;
- 2-52 (29) an investigator commissioned by the Texas
 2-53 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
 2-54 Code;
- 2-55 (30) a fire marshal or any related officer, inspector,
 2-56 or investigator commissioned by a county under Subchapter B,
 2-57 Chapter 352, Local Government Code;
- 2-58 (31) a fire marshal or any officer, inspector, or
 2-59 investigator commissioned by an emergency services district under
 2-60 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;
- 2-61 (32) a fire marshal or any officer, inspector, or
 2-62 investigator of a municipality who holds a permanent peace officer
 2-63 license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
- 2-64 (33) an officer commissioned by the State Board of
 2-65 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
 2-66 to the limitations imposed by that section; ~~and~~
- 2-67 (34) ~~(33)~~ an Alamo complex ranger commissioned by
 2-68 the General Land Office under Section 31.0515, Natural Resources
 2-69 Code, subject to the limitations imposed by that section; and

3-1 (35) an officer commissioned by the Texas Education
3-2 Agency as an officer under Section 37.1031, Education Code
3-3 [investigator commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice
3-4 Department as an officer under Section 221.011, Human Resources
3-5 Code].

3-6 SECTION 2. Section 7.021, Education Code, is amended by
3-7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

3-8 (d) The agency may commission peace officers as provided by
3-9 Section 37.1031 to enforce Subchapter D, Chapter 37.

3-10 SECTION 3. Section 37.0814, Education Code, is amended by
3-11 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as
3-12 follows:

3-13 (d) The board of trustees of a school district that claims a
3-14 good cause exception under Subsection (c) must develop an
3-15 alternative standard with which the district is able to comply,
3-16 which may include providing a person to act as a security officer
3-17 who is:

3-18 (1) a school marshal; or

3-19 (2) a school district employee or a person with whom
3-20 the district contracts who:

3-21 (A) either:

3-22 (i) has completed school safety training
3-23 provided by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school
3-24 safety under Section 411.1901, Government Code; or

3-25 (ii) not later than the 180th day after the
3-26 date on which the employee or person begins duties as a security
3-27 officer, completes training deemed appropriate by the district, in
3-28 consultation with the district's police department, or, if the
3-29 district does not have a police department, a local law enforcement
3-30 agency, in:

3-31 (a) active shooter response, which
3-32 must be provided by an instructor certified by the Advanced Law
3-33 Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State
3-34 University--San Marcos;

3-35 (b) school safety and emergency
3-36 management;

3-37 (c) crisis intervention;

3-38 (d) incident command;

3-39 (e) first aid administration;

3-40 (f) mental health; and

3-41 (g) qualifications relating to the
3-42 carrying or use of a firearm; and

3-43 (B) carries a handgun on school premises in
3-44 accordance with written regulations or written authorization of the
3-45 district under Section 46.03(a)(1)(A), Penal Code.

3-46 (d-1) A good cause exception claimed by the board of
3-47 trustees of a school district under Subsection (c) expires on the
3-48 first anniversary of the date the exception is claimed. On the
3-49 expiration of the exception, the board must reevaluate whether the
3-50 board is able to comply with this section and, if not, renew:

3-51 (1) the claim for an exception under Subsection (c);
3-52 and

3-53 (2) the alternative standard developed under
3-54 Subsection (d).

3-55 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
3-56 amended by adding Section 37.1031 to read as follows:

3-57 Sec. 37.1031. AGENCY PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The agency may
3-58 commission as a peace officer to enforce this subchapter an
3-59 employee who has been certified as qualified to be a peace officer
3-60 by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

3-61 (b) An employee commissioned as a peace officer under this
3-62 section has the powers, privileges, and immunities of a peace
3-63 officer while carrying out duties as a peace officer under this
3-64 subchapter.

3-65 SECTION 5. Section 37.108, Education Code, is amended by
3-66 amending Subsections (a), (c), and (f) and adding Subsection (a-1)
3-67 to read as follows:

3-68 (a) Each school district or public junior college district
3-69 shall adopt and implement a multihazard emergency operations plan

4-1 for use in the district's facilities. The plan must address
 4-2 prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery as
 4-3 defined by the Texas School Safety Center in conjunction with the
 4-4 governor's office of homeland security, the commissioner of
 4-5 education, and the commissioner of higher education. The plan must
 4-6 provide for:

4-7 (1) training in responding to an emergency for
 4-8 district employees, including school district substitute teachers;

4-9 (2) measures to ensure district employees, including
 4-10 school district substitute teachers, have classroom access to a
 4-11 telephone, including a cellular telephone, or another electronic
 4-12 communication device allowing for immediate contact with district
 4-13 emergency services or emergency services agencies, law enforcement
 4-14 agencies, health departments, and fire departments;

4-15 (3) measures to ensure district communications
 4-16 technology and infrastructure are adequate to allow for
 4-17 communication during an emergency;

4-18 (4) if the plan applies to a school district,
 4-19 mandatory school drills and exercises, including drills required
 4-20 under Section 37.114, to prepare district students and employees
 4-21 for responding to an emergency;

4-22 (5) measures to ensure coordination with the
 4-23 Department of State Health Services and local emergency management
 4-24 agencies, law enforcement, health departments, and fire
 4-25 departments in the event of an emergency;

4-26 (6) the implementation of a safety and security audit
 4-27 as required by Subsection (b); and

4-28 (7) any other requirements established by the Texas
 4-29 School Safety Center in consultation with the agency and the Texas
 4-30 Higher Education Coordinating Board.

4-31 (a-1) The Texas School Safety Center shall provide to the
 4-32 superintendent of each school district and to the president of each
 4-33 public junior college district notice of the requirements
 4-34 established under Subsection (a)(7) applicable to the district [and
 4-35 relevant local law enforcement agencies].

4-36 (c) A school district or public junior college district
 4-37 shall report the results of the safety and security audit conducted
 4-38 under Subsection (b) to the district's board of trustees and, in the
 4-39 manner required by the Texas School Safety Center, to the Texas
 4-40 School Safety Center. The district must maintain a copy of the
 4-41 [The] report [provided to the Texas School Safety Center under this
 4-42 subsection must be] signed by:

4-43 (1) for a school district, the district's board of
 4-44 trustees and superintendent; or

4-45 (2) for a public junior college district, the
 4-46 president of the junior college district.

4-47 (f) A school district shall include in its multihazard
 4-48 emergency operations plan:

4-49 (1) a chain of command that designates the individual
 4-50 responsible for making final decisions during a disaster or
 4-51 emergency situation and identifies other individuals responsible
 4-52 for making those decisions if the designated person is unavailable;

4-53 (2) provisions that address physical and
 4-54 psychological safety for responding to a natural disaster, active
 4-55 shooter, and any other dangerous scenario identified for purposes
 4-56 of this section by the agency or the Texas School Safety Center;

4-57 (3) provisions for ensuring the safety of students in
 4-58 portable buildings;

4-59 (4) provisions for ensuring that students and district
 4-60 personnel with disabilities are provided equal access to safety
 4-61 during a disaster or emergency situation;

4-62 (5) provisions for providing immediate notification
 4-63 to parents, guardians, and other persons standing in parental
 4-64 relation in circumstances involving a significant threat to the
 4-65 health or safety of students, including identification of the
 4-66 individual with responsibility for overseeing the notification;

4-67 (6) provisions for supporting the psychological
 4-68 safety of students, district personnel, and the community during
 4-69 the response and recovery phase following a disaster or emergency

5-1 situation that:

5-2 (A) are aligned with best practice-based
5-3 programs and research-based practices recommended under Section
5-4 [38.351](#);

5-5 (B) include strategies for ensuring any required
5-6 professional development training for suicide prevention and
5-7 grief-informed and trauma-informed care is provided to appropriate
5-8 school personnel;

5-9 (C) include training on integrating
5-10 psychological safety and suicide prevention strategies into the
5-11 district's plan, such as psychological first aid for schools
5-12 training, from an approved list of recommended training established
5-13 by the commissioner and Texas School Safety Center for:

5-14 (i) members of the district's school safety
5-15 and security committee under Section [37.109](#);

5-16 (ii) district school counselors and mental
5-17 health professionals; and

5-18 (iii) educators and other district
5-19 personnel as determined by the district;

5-20 (D) include strategies and procedures for
5-21 integrating and supporting physical and psychological safety that
5-22 align with the provisions described by Subdivision (2); and

5-23 (E) implement trauma-informed policies;

5-24 (7) a policy for providing a substitute teacher access
5-25 to school campus buildings and materials necessary for the
5-26 substitute teacher to carry out the duties of a district employee
5-27 during an emergency or a mandatory emergency drill;

5-28 (8) provisions, as determined by the agency, for
5-29 ensuring the safety of students, staff, and spectators during
5-30 extracurricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by the
5-31 district;

5-32 (9) the name of each individual on the district's
5-33 school safety and security committee established under Section
5-34 [37.109](#) and the date of each committee meeting during the preceding
5-35 year; and

5-36 (10) [~~9~~] certification that the district is in
5-37 compliance with Section [37.117](#), as added by Chapter 896 (H.B. 3),
5-38 Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

5-39 SECTION 6. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
5-40 amended by adding Section 37.1088 to read as follows:

5-41 Sec. 37.1088. AGENCY REPORT ON SCHOOL SAFETY. (a) Not
5-42 later than December 31 of each year, the agency shall prepare and
5-43 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
5-44 house of representatives, and each standing committee of each house
5-45 of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over primary and
5-46 secondary education, finance, and appropriations a report that
5-47 includes the deidentified results of the vulnerability assessments
5-48 and intruder detection audits conducted under Sections [37.1083](#) and
5-49 [37.1084](#) during the preceding year.

5-50 (b) The report under Subsection (a) must include
5-51 recommendations and possible corrective actions for specific
5-52 deficiencies in campus security identified at multiple school
5-53 districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

5-54 SECTION 7. Section [37.115](#), Education Code, is amended by
5-55 adding Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (h) to read as
5-56 follows:

5-57 (d-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), if a student in a
5-58 special education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, is the
5-59 subject of a threat assessment under Subsection (f), the team
5-60 conducting the threat assessment must include at least one of the
5-61 following persons who has specific knowledge of the student's
5-62 disability and the disability's manifestations:

5-63 (1) a special education teacher who provides
5-64 instruction to the student;

5-65 (2) a behavior analyst licensed under Chapter [506](#),
5-66 Occupations Code;

5-67 (3) a clinical or master social worker licensed under
5-68 Chapter [505](#), Occupations Code; or

5-69 (4) a specialist in school psychology licensed under

6-1 Chapter 501, Occupations Code.

6-2 (h) On a determination that a student or other individual
6-3 poses a serious risk of violence to self or others, a team shall
6-4 immediately report the team's determination to the superintendent
6-5 and, ~~if~~ ~~the superintendent~~ ~~shall~~ ~~immediately attempt to inform the parent or person standing~~
6-6 ~~in parental relation to the student.~~ The requirements of this
6-7 subsection do not prevent an employee of the school from acting
6-8 immediately to prevent an imminent threat or respond to an
6-9 emergency.

6-10 SECTION 8. Sections 37.203(a) and (b), Education Code, are
6-11 amended to read as follows:

6-12 (a) The center is advised by a board of directors composed
6-13 of:

6-14 (1) the attorney general, or the attorney general's
6-15 designee;

6-16 (2) the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

6-17 (3) the executive director of the Texas Juvenile
6-18 Justice Department, or the executive director's designee;

6-19 (4) the commissioner of the Department of State Health
6-20 Services, or the commissioner's designee;

6-21 (5) the commissioner of higher education, or the
6-22 commissioner's designee; and

6-23 (6) the following members appointed by the governor
6-24 with the advice and consent of the senate:

6-25 (A) a juvenile court judge;

6-26 (B) a member of a school district's board of
6-27 trustees;

6-28 (C) an administrator of a public primary school;

6-29 (D) an administrator of a public secondary
6-30 school;

6-31 (E) a member of the state parent-teacher
6-32 association;

6-33 (F) a teacher from a public primary or secondary
6-34 school;

6-35 (G) a public school superintendent who is a
6-36 member of the Texas Association of School Administrators;

6-37 (H) a school district police officer or a peace
6-38 officer whose primary duty consists of working in a public school;

6-39 (I) a professional architect who is registered in
6-40 this state and a member of the Texas Society of Architects;

6-41 (J) an administrator of a public junior college;
6-42 and

6-43 (K) ~~(J)~~ three members of the public.

6-44 (b) Members of the board appointed under Subsection (a)(6)
6-45 serve staggered two-year terms, with the terms of the members
6-46 described by Subsections (a)(6)(A)-(F) expiring on February 1 of
6-47 each odd-numbered year and the terms of the members described by
6-48 Subsections (a)(6)(G)-(K) ~~(J)~~ (K) expiring on February 1 of each
6-49 even-numbered year. A member may serve more than one term.

6-50 SECTION 9. Section 37.222(b), Education Code, is amended to
6-51 read as follows:

6-52 (b) At least three times each school year, each ~~Each~~
6-53 school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide
6-54 the information and other resources described under Subsection (a)
6-55 to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the district
6-56 or school.

6-57 SECTION 10. Section 37.353, Education Code, is amended by
6-58 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

6-59 (c) A good cause exception claimed by a school district
6-60 under Subsection (a) expires on the fifth anniversary of the date on
6-61 which the exception is claimed. On the expiration of the exception,
6-62 the district must reevaluate whether the district is able to comply
6-63 with each school facility standard related to safety and security,
6-64 and if not, renew:

6-65 (1) the claim for an exception under Subsection (a);
6-66 and

6-67 (2) the alternative performance standard developed
6-68 under Subsection (b).
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7-1 SECTION 11. Section 38.004(a), Education Code, is amended
 7-2 to read as follows:

7-3 (a) The agency shall develop a policy governing the reports
 7-4 of child abuse or neglect, including reports related to the
 7-5 trafficking of a child under Section 20A.02(a)(5), (6), (7), or
 7-6 (8), Penal Code, as required by Chapter 261, Family Code, for school
 7-7 districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and their employees.
 7-8 The policy must provide for cooperation with law enforcement child
 7-9 abuse investigations without the consent of the child's parents if
 7-10 necessary, including investigations by the Department of Family and
 7-11 Protective Services. The policy must require each school district
 7-12 and open-enrollment charter school employee to report child abuse
 7-13 or neglect, including the trafficking of a child under Section
 7-14 20A.02(a)(5) or (7), Penal Code, in the manner required by Chapter
 7-15 261, Family Code, except that a school district or open-enrollment
 7-16 charter school employee must make the report to both the Department
 7-17 of Family and Protective Services and a local or state law
 7-18 enforcement agency, other than the district's or school's police
 7-19 department, if the report is based on evidence that a person engaged
 7-20 in misconduct described by Section 22.093(c)(1)(A) or (B). Each
 7-21 school district and open-enrollment charter school shall adopt the
 7-22 policy.

7-23 SECTION 12. Section 48.115(b), Education Code, is amended
 7-24 to read as follows:

7-25 (b) Funds allocated under this section must be used to
 7-26 improve school safety and security, including costs associated
 7-27 with:

7-28 (1) securing school facilities in accordance with the
 7-29 requirements of Section 37.351, including:

7-30 (A) improvements to school infrastructure;

7-31 (B) the use or installation of perimeter security
 7-32 fencing conducive to a public school learning environment or
 7-33 physical barriers, which may not include razor wire;

7-34 (C) interior and exterior door and window safety
 7-35 and security upgrades, including exterior door numbering and
 7-36 locking systems and security film that provides resistance to a
 7-37 forced entry; and

7-38 (D) the purchase and maintenance of:

7-39 (i) security cameras and, if the district
 7-40 has already installed security cameras, other security equipment,
 7-41 including video surveillance as provided by Section 29.022; and

7-42 (ii) technology, including communications
 7-43 systems or devices, such as silent panic alert devices, two-way
 7-44 radios, or wireless Internet booster equipment, that facilitates
 7-45 communication and information sharing between students, school
 7-46 personnel, and first responders in an emergency;

7-47 (2) providing security for the district, including:

7-48 (A) employing school district peace officers,
 7-49 private security officers, and school marshals; and

7-50 (B) collaborating with local law enforcement
 7-51 agencies, such as entering into a memorandum of understanding for
 7-52 the assignment of school resource officers to schools in the
 7-53 district;

7-54 (3) school safety and security measures, including:

7-55 (A) active shooter and emergency response
 7-56 training;

7-57 (B) prevention and treatment programs relating
 7-58 to addressing adverse childhood experiences; and

7-59 (C) the prevention, identification, and
 7-60 management of emergencies and threats, using evidence-based,
 7-61 effective prevention practices and including:

7-62 (i) providing licensed counselors, social
 7-63 workers, behavioral interventionists, chaplains, and individuals
 7-64 trained in restorative discipline and [~~restorative~~] justice or
 7-65 other discipline management practices;

7-66 (ii) providing mental health personnel and
 7-67 support, including chaplains;

7-68 (iii) providing behavioral health
 7-69 services, including services provided by chaplains;

8-1 (iv) establishing threat reporting
8-2 systems; and

8-3 (v) developing and implementing programs
8-4 focused on restorative justice practices, culturally relevant
8-5 instruction, and providing mental health support, including
8-6 support provided by chaplains;

8-7 (4) providing programs related to suicide prevention,
8-8 intervention, and postvention, including programs provided by
8-9 chaplains; and

8-10 (5) employing a school safety director and other
8-11 personnel to manage and monitor school safety initiatives and the
8-12 implementation of school safety requirements for the district.

8-13 SECTION 13. Section 261.103, Family Code, is amended by
8-14 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
8-15 follows:

8-16 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section
8-17 [~~Subsections (b) and (c)~~] and Section 261.405, a report shall be
8-18 made to:

8-19 (1) any local or state law enforcement agency;

8-20 (2) the department; or

8-21 (3) the state agency that operates, licenses,
8-22 certifies, or registers the facility in which the alleged abuse or
8-23 neglect occurred.

8-24 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an
8-25 employee of a school district or open-enrollment charter school who
8-26 is required to make a report of child abuse or neglect that is based
8-27 on evidence that a person engaged in misconduct described by
8-28 Section 22.093(c)(1)(A) or (B), Education Code, must make the
8-29 report to both the department and a local or state law enforcement
8-30 agency other than the district's or school's police department.

8-31 SECTION 14. Sections 85.024(a) and (b), Local Government
8-32 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8-33 (a) The sheriff of a county with a total population of less
8-34 than 350,000 in which a school district or open-enrollment charter
8-35 [public] school is located shall call and conduct a meeting at least
8-36 twice each calendar year, not less than three months apart,
8-37 [semiannual meetings] to discuss:

8-38 (1) school safety;

8-39 (2) coordinated law enforcement response to school
8-40 violence incidents;

8-41 (3) law enforcement agency capabilities;

8-42 (4) available resources;

8-43 (5) emergency radio interoperability;

8-44 (6) chain of command planning; and

8-45 (7) other related subjects proposed by a person in
8-46 attendance at the meeting.

8-47 (b) The sheriff of a county to which this section applies in
8-48 which more than one school district or open-enrollment charter
8-49 [public] school is located may discuss school safety policies for
8-50 more than [is only required to hold] one school district or
8-51 open-enrollment charter school in a [semiannual] meeting described
8-52 by Subsection (a). This subsection does not require districts or
8-53 schools [public schools] located within the same county to adopt
8-54 the same school safety policies.

8-55 SECTION 15. Section 37.2161, Education Code, is repealed.

8-56 SECTION 16. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
8-57 school year.

8-58 SECTION 17. Not later than February 1, 2026, the governor
8-59 shall appoint the new member to the board of directors of the Texas
8-60 School Safety Center as required by Section 37.203(a)(6)(J),
8-61 Education Code, as amended by this Act.

8-62 SECTION 18. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
8-63 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
8-64 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
8-65 codes.

8-66 SECTION 19. This Act takes effect immediately if it
8-67 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
8-68 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
8-69 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate

9-1 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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