

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 57
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
1-4 March 17, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; March 17, 2025,
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1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King			X	
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 57 By: Campbell

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to provisions and plans by public schools to ensure the
1-24 safety of individuals with disabilities or impairments during a
1-25 mandatory school drill or a disaster or emergency situation.
1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
1-28 amended by adding Section 29.0052 to read as follows:
1-29 Sec. 29.0052. INCLUSION OF ACCOMMODATIONS DURING MANDATORY
1-30 SCHOOL DRILLS IN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SECTION 504
1-31 PLAN. (a) In this section:
1-32 (1) "Committee" means a committee established under
1-33 Section 29.005(a).
1-34 (2) "Section 504 plan" means a plan created under
1-35 Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794).
1-36 (3) "Team" means a team established for a student
1-37 under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section
1-38 794).
1-39 (b) In developing or modifying an individualized education
1-40 program or a Section 504 plan for a student, the student's committee
1-41 or team, as applicable, shall consider whether the student's
1-42 disabilities or impairments would require the school district to
1-43 provide any specific accommodations for the student during a
1-44 mandatory school drill required under Section 37.114. If the
1-45 student's committee or team determines that the student would
1-46 require a specific accommodation, the committee or team shall:
1-47 (1) identify each disability or impairment that
1-48 requires accommodation; and
1-49 (2) for each disability or impairment identified under
1-50 Subdivision (1), specify the required accommodations for that
1-51 disability or impairment.
1-52 (c) In making considerations and specifying required
1-53 accommodations under Subsection (b), a committee or team must
1-54 follow the guidelines established by the commissioner under Section
1-55 37.1086.
1-56 (d) A student's committee or team shall provide to each
1-57 administrator with emergency planning responsibilities at the
1-58 school district and campus at which the student is enrolled the
1-59 information described by Subsections (b)(1) and (2).
1-60 (e) A committee or team may invite school district and

campus administrators with emergency planning responsibilities to assist the committee or team in making the considerations and specifying the required accommodations described by Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. Section 37.108(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A school district shall include in its multihazard emergency operations plan:

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

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

(3) provisions for ensuring the safety of students in portable buildings;

(4) provisions for ensuring that students and district personnel with disabilities are provided equal access to safety during a disaster or emergency situation based on the guidelines established by the commissioner under Section 37.1086;

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

(6) provisions for supporting the psychological safety of students, district personnel, and the community during the response and recovery phase following a disaster or emergency situation that:

(A) are aligned with best practice-based programs and research-based practices recommended under Section 38.351;

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

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

(i) members of the district's school safety and security committee under Section 37.109;

(ii) district school counselors and mental health professionals; and

(iii) educators and other district personnel as determined by the district;

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

(E) implement trauma-informed policies;

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

(8) the name of each individual on the district's school safety and security committee established under Section 37.109 and the date of each committee meeting during the preceding year; and

(9) certification that the district is in compliance with Section 37.117.

SECTION 3. Section 37.1086, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.1086. GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL DRILL ACCOMMODATIONS AND MULTIHAZARD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN PROVISIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OR IMPAIRMENTS. (a) The commissioner by rule [agency] shall establish guidelines for:

(1) the considerations and specifications required under Section 29.0052 regarding accommodations for a student with an individualized education program or a plan created under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794); and

(2) the provisions in a school district's multihazard emergency operations plan under Section 37.108(f)(4) to ensure the safety of students and district personnel with disabilities or impairments during a disaster or emergency situation.

(b) In establishing guidelines under Subsection (a), the commissioner shall consult ~~[, in consultation]~~ with:

(1) the Texas School Safety Center;

(2) regional education service centers;

(3) public school educators and administrators who work with students with disabilities or impairments; and

(4) advocacy groups representing individuals with disabilities or impairments.

(c) ~~(b)~~ A school district must follow the guidelines established by the commissioner ~~[agency]~~ under Subsection (a)(2) ~~[(a)]~~ in adopting and implementing the district's multihazard emergency operations plan under Section 37.108.

SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act but not later than June 1, 2026, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules establishing the guidelines required by Section 37.1086, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 5. Section 29.0052, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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