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H.B. No. 36

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the membership of a public school's threat assessment
3 and safe and supportive school team and committee and the
4 permissible uses of the school safety allotment under the public
5 school finance system.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Sections 37.115(d) and (e), Education Code, are
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (d) The superintendent of the district shall ensure, to the
10 greatest extent practicable, that the members appointed to each
11 team have expertise in counseling, behavior management, mental
12 health and substance use, classroom instruction, special
13 education, school administration, school safety and security, and
14 emergency management [~~, and law enforcement~~]. A team may serve more
15 than one campus of a school district, provided that each district
16 campus is assigned a team.

17 (e) The superintendent of a school district may establish a
18 committee, or assign to an existing committee established by the
19 district, the duty to oversee the operations of teams established
20 for the district. A committee with oversight responsibility under
21 this subsection must include members with expertise in human
22 resources, education, special education, counseling, behavior
23 management, school administration, mental health and substance
24 use, school safety and security, and emergency management [~~, and law~~

1 ~~enforcement]~~.

2 SECTION 2. Section 48.115(b), Education Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (b) Funds allocated under this section must be used to
5 improve school safety and security, including costs associated
6 with:

7 (1) securing school facilities, including:

8 (A) improvements to school infrastructure;

9 (B) the use or installation of physical barriers;

10 and

11 (C) the purchase and maintenance of:

12 (i) security cameras or other security
13 equipment; and

14 (ii) technology, including communications
15 systems or devices, that facilitates communication and information
16 sharing between students, school personnel, and first responders in
17 an emergency;

18 (2) ~~[providing security for the district, including:~~

19 ~~[(A) employing school district peace officers,~~
20 ~~private security officers, and school marshals; and~~

21 ~~[(B) collaborating with local law enforcement~~
22 ~~agencies, such as entering into a memorandum of understanding for~~
23 ~~the assignment of school resource officers to schools in the~~
24 ~~district;~~

25 ~~[(3)]~~ school safety and security training and
26 planning, including:

27 (A) active shooter and emergency response

1 training;

2 (B) prevention and treatment programs relating
3 to addressing adverse childhood experiences; and

4 (C) the prevention, identification, and
5 management of emergencies and threats, using evidence-based,
6 effective prevention practices and including:

7 (i) providing licensed counselors, social
8 workers, social-emotional learning coordinators, and individuals
9 trained in restorative discipline and restorative justice
10 practices;

11 (ii) providing mental health personnel and
12 support;

13 (iii) providing behavioral health
14 services;

15 (iv) establishing threat reporting
16 systems; and

17 (v) developing and implementing programs
18 focused on social-emotional learning, restorative justice
19 practices, culturally relevant instruction, and providing mental
20 health support; and

21 (3) [~~(4)~~] providing programs related to suicide
22 prevention, intervention, and postvention.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.