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H.B. No. 706

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that school districts and open-enrollment charter schools use metal detectors on each campus.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.111 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.111. REQUIRED METAL DETECTORS. At each school building located on a campus in which students attend class or school-sponsored activities, a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall screen persons entering the building for weapons by installing a walk-through metal detector or using a handheld metal detector at each entrance to the building that is accessible from the outside.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3. 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, 2023.