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H.B. No. 1371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring an armed security officer at each school district campus.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0814 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0814. ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIRED. (a) The board of trustees of each school district shall ensure that at least one security officer carrying a handgun is present during regular school hours at each district campus.

(b) A security officer described by Subsection (a) must be:

(1) a school district peace officer;

(2) a school resource officer;

(3) a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081;

(4) a school marshal; or

(5) a school district employee who:

(A) has completed school safety training provided by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under Section 411.1901, Government Code; and

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

SECTION 2. Section 37.0814, Education Code, as added by

1 this Act, applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.