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H.B. No. 2069

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to minimum standards for entry safety point protocols and infrastructure for school districts and charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.2072 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.2072. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY POINT PROTOCOLS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) The center shall develop minimum standards for reducing and securing school entry points in order to ensure that the security standards for instructional facilities and other school district and charter school facilities provide for a safe environment.

(b) The minimum standards for reducing entry points developed pursuant to Subsection (a) shall include:

(1) determining the minimum number of open entry points required to allow for efficient ingress of students and faculty for the start of a school day and limiting the number of open entry points to that minimum;

(2) further reducing the total number of open entry points to the greatest extent possible once the initial entry of students and faculty for the start of a school day has been completed;

(3) securing all other points of access so as to not allow entry while still allowing students and faculty to exit in the

1 event of an emergency; and

2 (4) remotely monitoring other points of access by use  
3 of access controls, camera systems, or other devices determined by  
4 the school district or charter school to be effective and feasible.

5 (c) The minimum standards for securing entry points  
6 developed pursuant to Subsection (a) shall be divided into four  
7 levels based upon the specific needs and available resources of a  
8 school district or charter school. The levels shall be delineated  
9 as follows:

10 (1) Level One shall provide for visual surveillance of  
11 the entry point by school security personnel or school staff to  
12 monitor for unusual behavior while applying questioning,  
13 individual searches, and bag checks when deemed warranted;

14 (2) Level Two shall include all of the practices  
15 described in Level One, as well as performing random checks of  
16 entrants by school security personnel or school staff utilizing  
17 handheld metal detectors;

18 (3) Level Three shall include establishing security  
19 screening during which entrants and their belongings would be  
20 randomly screened by walk through metal detectors, as well as  
21 applying all of the practices described in Level One and using  
22 handheld metal detectors for secondary screening; and

23 (4) Level Four shall entail comprehensive security  
24 screening of all entrants and their belongings, including applying  
25 all of the practices described in Level One; screening all entrants  
26 through the use of walk through metal detectors; using handheld  
27 metal detectors for secondary screening; conducting bag checks in

1 only those instances in which the alarm in the walk through metal  
2 detector sounds; and instructing entrants to use low metal content  
3 backpacks and school supplies to mitigate the alarms and maintain  
4 efficient ingress.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.