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H.B. No. 3572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the permissible uses of the school safety allotment
3 under the public school finance system.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 48.115(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) Funds allocated under this section must be used to
8 improve school safety and security, including costs associated
9 with:

- 10 (1) securing school facilities, including:
11 (A) improvements to school infrastructure;
12 (B) the use or installation of physical barriers;
13 and
14 (C) the purchase and maintenance of:
15 (i) security cameras or other security
16 equipment; and
17 (ii) technology, including communications
18 systems or devices, that facilitates communication and information
19 sharing between students, school personnel, and first responders in
20 an emergency;

- 21 (2) providing security for the district, including:
22 (A) employing school district peace officers,
23 private security officers, and school marshals; and
24 (B) collaborating with local law enforcement

1 agencies, such as entering into a memorandum of understanding for
2 the assignment of school resource officers to schools in the
3 district;

4 (3) school safety and security training and planning,
5 including:

6 (A) active shooter and emergency response
7 training;

8 (B) prevention and treatment programs relating
9 to addressing adverse childhood experiences; and

10 (C) the prevention, identification, and
11 management of emergencies and threats, using evidence-based,
12 effective prevention practices and including:

13 (i) providing licensed counselors, social
14 workers, social-emotional learning coordinators, and individuals
15 trained in restorative discipline and restorative justice
16 practices;

17 (ii) providing mental health personnel and
18 support;

19 (iii) providing behavioral health
20 services;

21 (iv) establishing threat reporting
22 systems;

23 (v) providing professional development
24 opportunities for educators regarding classroom behavioral
25 management and restorative discipline and restorative justice
26 practices; and

27 (vi) [~~(v)~~] developing and implementing

1 programs focused on social-emotional learning, restorative justice
2 practices, culturally relevant instruction, and providing mental
3 health support; and

4 (4) providing programs related to suicide prevention,
5 intervention, and postvention.

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