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System (PEIMS); and

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT relating to measures for ensuring safety and security in public 2 schools, including measures related to certain student records and 3 4 truant conduct and active shooter training for certain peace officers. 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 6 7 SECTION 1. Section 7.028(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows: 8 (a) Except as provided by Section 21.006(k), 22.093(1), 9 22.096, 28.006, 29.001(5), 29.010(a), 33.006(h), 37.1083, 37.1084, 10 38.003, or 39.003, the agency may monitor compliance with 11 12 requirements applicable to a process or program provided by a 13 school district, campus, program, or school granted charters under Chapter 12, including the process described by Subchapter F, 14 Chapter 11, or a program described by Subchapter B, C, D, E, F, H, or 15 I, Chapter 29, or Subchapter A, Chapter 37, only as necessary to 16 17 ensure: compliance with federal law and regulations; 18 (1)19 financial accountability, including compliance with grant requirements; 20 21 (3) data integrity for purposes of: 22 (A) the Public Education Information Management

accountability under Chapters 39 and 39A; and

- 1 (4) qualification for funding under Chapter 48.
- 2 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 8, Education Code, is
- 3 amended by adding Section 8.064 to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 8.064. SCHOOL SAFETY SUPPORT. (a) A regional
- 5 education service center shall act as a school safety resource for
- 6 school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in the region
- 7 served by the center. The center may assist a school district or
- 8 open-enrollment charter school directly or in collaboration with
- 9 the Texas School Safety Center and local law enforcement agencies,
- 10 as applicable:
- 11 (1) in developing and implementing a multihazard
- 12 emergency operations plan under Section 37.108;
- 13 (2) in establishing a school safety and security
- 14 committee under Section 37.109;
- 15 (3) in conducting emergency school drills and
- 16 <u>exercises;</u>
- 17 (4) in addressing deficiencies in campus security
- 18 identified by a school safety review team under Section 37.1084;
- 19 and
- 20 (5) by providing guidance on any other matter relating
- 21 to school safety and security.
- 22 (b) A regional education service center shall provide
- 23 assistance as necessary to the region's school safety review team
- 24 <u>established under Section</u> 37.1084.
- 25 SECTION 3. Section 12.104(b), Education Code, as amended by
- 26 Chapters 542 (S.B. 168), 887 (S.B. 1697), 915 (H.B. 3607), 974 (S.B.
- 27 2081), and 1046 (S.B. 1365), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular

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               An open-enrollment charter school is subject to:
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                    the provisions in Chapter 554, Government Code;
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                    a prohibition, restriction, or requirement, as
    applicable, imposed by this title or a rule adopted under this
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   title, relating to:
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                          the Public Education Information Management
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   System (PEIMS) to the extent necessary to monitor compliance with
   this subchapter as determined by the commissioner;
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                     (B)
                          criminal history records under Subchapter C,
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   Chapter 22;
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                          reading instruments and accelerated reading
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   instruction programs under Section 28.006;
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                     (D)
                          accelerated
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   28.0211;
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                          high school graduation requirements under
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   Section 28.025;
                          special education programs under Subchapter
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                          bilingual education under Subchapter
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   Chapter 29;
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                          prekindergarten programs under Subchapter E
   or E-1, Chapter 29, except class size limits for prekindergarten
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   classes imposed under Section 25.112, which do not apply;
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Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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                          extracurricular activities
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                          health and safety under Chapter 38;
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                          public school accountability and special
    investigations under Subchapters A, B, C, D, F, G, and J, Chapter
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    39, and Chapter 39A;
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   report an educator's misconduct;
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                          intensive programs
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   Section 28.0213;
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                     (P)
                          the right of a school employee to report a
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    crime, as provided by Section 37.148;
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                     (Q)
                         bullying prevention policies and procedures
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   under Section 37.0832;
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                     (R)
                        the right of a school under Section 37.0052
    to place a student who has engaged in certain bullying behavior in a
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    disciplinary alternative education program or to expel the student;
                     (S) the right under Section 37.0151 to report to
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    local law enforcement certain conduct constituting assault or
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   harassment;
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                          a parent's right to information regarding the
   provision of assistance for learning difficulties to the parent's
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   child as provided by Sections 26.004(b)(11) and 26.0081(c) and (d);
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   25.001;
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                     (V) school safety requirements under Sections
   37.108, 37.1081, 37.1082, <u>37.1083, 37.1084, 37.1085,</u> 37.109,
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   37.113, 37.114, 37.1141, 37.115, 37.207, and 37.2071;
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                         the early childhood literacy and mathematics
                     (W)
   proficiency plans under Section 11.185;
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                     (X) the college, career, and military readiness
   plans under Section 11.186; and
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                     (Y) [(X)] parental options to retain a student
   under Section 28.02124.
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          SECTION 4. Section 25.002(a), Education Code, is amended to
   read as follows:
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               If a parent or other person with legal control of a child
   under a court order enrolls the child in a public school, the parent
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    or other person or the school district in which the child most
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   recently attended school shall furnish to the school district:
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               (1) the child's birth certificate or another document
   suitable as proof of the child's identity;
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- (2) a copy of the child's records from the school the 19 20 child most recently attended if the child has been previously
- enrolled in a school in this state or another state, including for a 21
- child who most recently attended a public school in this state, a 22
- copy of the child's disciplinary record and any threat assessment 23
- 24 involving the child's behavior conducted under Section 37.115; and
- 25 (3) a record showing that the child immunizations as required under Section 38.001, in the case of a 26
- 27 child required under that section to be immunized, proof as

- 1 required by that section showing that the child is not required to
- 2 be immunized, or proof that the child is entitled to provisional
- 3 admission under that section and under rules adopted under that
- 4 section.
- 5 SECTION 5. Section 25.036, Education Code, is amended by
- 6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 7 (c) In the case of a transfer under this section, a child's
- 8 school district of residence shall provide the receiving district
- 9 with the child's disciplinary record and any threat assessment
- 10 involving the child's behavior conducted under Section 37.115.
- 11 SECTION 6. Section 25.095(a), Education Code, is amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
- 14 shall notify a student's parent in writing at the beginning of the
- 15 school year that if the student is absent from school, without
- 16 excuse under Section 25.087, on six [10] or more days or parts of
- 17 days within an eight-week [a six-month] period in the same school
- 18 year:
- 19 (1) the student's parent is subject to prosecution
- 20 under Section 25.093; and
- 21 (2) the student is subject to referral to a truancy
- 22 court for truant conduct under Section 65.003(a), Family Code.
- SECTION 7. Section 25.0951(a), Education Code, is amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 (a) If a student fails to attend school without excuse on
- 26 six [10] or more days or parts of days within an eight-week [a
- 27 six-month] period in the same school year, a school district shall

- 1 within 10 school days of the student's <u>sixth</u> [10th] absence refer
- 2 the student to a truancy court for truant conduct under Section
- 3 65.003(a), Family Code.
- 4 SECTION 8. Section 37.108, Education Code, is amended by
- 5 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (f) and adding Subsection (h) to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 (a) Each school district or public junior college district
- 8 shall adopt and implement a multihazard emergency operations plan
- 9 for use in the district's facilities. The plan must address
- 10 prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery as
- 11 defined by the Texas School Safety Center in conjunction with the
- 12 governor's office of homeland security, [and] the commissioner of
- 13 education, and the $[\frac{or}{o}]$ commissioner of higher education $[\frac{or}{o}]$
- 14 applicable]. The plan must provide for:
- 15 (1) training in responding to an emergency for
- 16 district employees, including substitute teachers;
- 17 (2) measures to ensure district employees, including
- 18 substitute teachers, have classroom access to a telephone,
- 19 including a cellular telephone, or another electronic
- 20 communication device allowing for immediate contact with district
- 21 emergency services or emergency services agencies, law enforcement
- 22 agencies, health departments, and fire departments;
- 23 (3) measures to ensure district communications
- 24 technology and infrastructure are adequate to allow for
- 25 communication during an emergency;
- 26 (4) if the plan applies to a school district,
- 27 mandatory school drills and exercises, including drills required

- 1 under Section 37.114, to prepare district students and employees
- 2 for responding to an emergency;
- 3 (5) measures to ensure coordination with the
- 4 Department of State Health Services and local emergency management
- 5 agencies, law enforcement, health departments, and fire
- 6 departments in the event of an emergency; [and]
- 7 (6) the implementation of a safety and security audit
- 8 as required by Subsection (b); and
- 9 <u>(7) any other requirements established by the Texas</u>
- 10 School Safety Center in consultation with the agency and local law
- 11 enforcement agencies.
- 12 (b) At least once every three years, each school district or
- 13 public junior college district shall conduct a safety and security
- 14 audit of the district's facilities. A [To the extent possible, a]
- 15 district shall follow safety and security audit procedures
- 16 developed by the Texas School Safety Center in coordination with
- 17 the commissioner of education or commissioner of higher education,
- 18 as applicable, or a person included in the registry established by
- 19 the Texas School Safety Center under Section 37.2091.
- 20 (f) A school district shall include in its multihazard
- 21 emergency operations plan:
- 22 (1) a chain of command that designates the individual
- 23 responsible for making final decisions during a disaster or
- 24 emergency situation and identifies other individuals responsible
- 25 for making those decisions if the designated person is unavailable;
- 26 (2) provisions that address physical and
- 27 psychological safety for responding to a natural disaster, active

- 1 shooter, and any other dangerous scenario identified for purposes
- 2 of this section by the agency or the Texas School Safety Center;
- 3 (3) provisions for ensuring the safety of students in
- 4 portable buildings;
- 5 (4) provisions for ensuring that students and district
- 6 personnel with disabilities are provided equal access to safety
- 7 during a disaster or emergency situation;
- 8 (5) provisions for providing immediate notification
- 9 to parents, guardians, and other persons standing in parental
- 10 relation in circumstances involving a significant threat to the
- 11 health or safety of students, including identification of the
- 12 individual with responsibility for overseeing the notification;
- 13 (6) provisions for supporting the psychological
- 14 safety of students, district personnel, and the community during
- 15 the response and recovery phase following a disaster or emergency
- 16 situation that:
- 17 (A) are aligned with best practice-based
- 18 programs and research-based practices recommended under Section
- 19 38.351;
- 20 (B) include strategies for ensuring any required
- 21 professional development training for suicide prevention and
- 22 grief-informed and trauma-informed care is provided to appropriate
- 23 school personnel;
- 24 (C) include training on integrating
- 25 psychological safety and suicide prevention strategies into the
- 26 district's plan, such as psychological first aid for schools
- 27 training, from an approved list of recommended training established

- 1 by the commissioner and Texas School Safety Center for:
- 2 (i) members of the district's school safety
- 3 and security committee under Section 37.109;
- 4 (ii) district school counselors and mental
- 5 health professionals; and
- 6 (iii) educators and other district
- 7 personnel as determined by the district;
- 8 (D) include strategies and procedures for
- 9 integrating and supporting physical and psychological safety that
- 10 align with the provisions described by Subdivision (2); and
- 11 (E) implement trauma-informed policies;
- 12 (7) a policy for providing a substitute teacher access
- 13 to school campus buildings and materials necessary for the
- 14 substitute teacher to carry out the duties of a district employee
- 15 during an emergency or a mandatory emergency drill; [and]
- 16 (8) the name of each individual on the district's
- 17 school safety and security committee established under Section
- 18 37.109 and the date of each committee meeting during the preceding
- 19 year; and
- 20 (9) certification that the district is in compliance
- 21 with Section 37.116, requiring the district to provide the
- 22 Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement agencies, and
- 23 emergency first responders with an accurate map for all district
- 24 campuses and school buildings.
- 25 (h) The Texas School Safety Center and the agency shall
- 26 provide school safety-related data collected by the center or
- 27 agency to each other on request.

- SECTION 9. Section 37.1081(a), Education Code, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 (a) If the board of trustees of a school district receives
- 4 notice of noncompliance under Section 37.207(e) or 37.2071(d) or
- 5 (g) [37.2071(g)], the board shall hold a public hearing to notify
- 6 the public of:
- 7 (1) the district's failure to:
- 8 (A) submit or correct deficiencies in a
- 9 multihazard emergency operations plan; or
- 10 (B) report the results of a safety and security
- 11 audit to the Texas School Safety Center as required by law;
- 12 (2) the dates during which the district has not been in
- 13 compliance; and
- 14 (3) the names of each member of the board of trustees
- 15 and the superintendent serving in that capacity during the dates
- 16 the district was not in compliance.
- 17 SECTION 10. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
- 18 amended by adding Sections 37.1083, 37.1084, and 37.1085 to read as
- 19 follows:
- Sec. 37.1083. AGENCY MONITORING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY
- 21 AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. (a) The agency shall monitor the
- 22 <u>implementation and operation of requirements related to school</u>
- 23 district safety and security, including school district:
- 24 (1) multihazard emergency operations plans; and
- 25 (2) safety and security audits.
- 26 (b) The agency shall establish an office of school safety
- 27 and security within the agency that consists of individuals with

- 1 substantial expertise and experience in school or law enforcement
- 2 safety and security operations and oversight at the local, state,
- 3 or federal level to coordinate the agency's monitoring of school
- 4 district safety and security requirements under this section. The
- 5 director of the office is appointed by the governor and confirmed by
- 6 the senate and must report directly to the commissioner.
- 7 (c) The agency shall, in coordination with the Texas School
- 8 Safety Center and local law enforcement agencies, provide technical
- 9 assistance to school districts to support the implementation and
- 10 operation of safety and security requirements.
- 11 (d) As part of the technical assistance provided under
- 12 Subsection (c), the agency shall conduct a detailed vulnerability
- 13 assessment of each school district on a random basis determined by
- 14 the agency once every four years. The assessment must:
- 15 (1) assess <u>facility access controls</u>, emergency
- 16 operations procedures, and other school safety requirements; and
- 17 (2) to the greatest extent practicable, coincide with
- 18 the safety and security audit required under Section 37.108.
- 19 (e) The agency shall use a rubric developed by the office of
- 20 school safety and security in collaboration with the Texas School
- 21 Safety Center to conduct a vulnerability assessment of a school
- 22 district under Subsection (d).
- 23 (f) On completion of a vulnerability assessment under
- 24 Subsection (d), the agency shall provide to the superintendent and
- 25 school safety and security committee established under Section
- 26 37.109 for the applicable school district a report on the results of
- 27 the assessment that includes recommendations and required

- 1 corrective actions to address any deficiencies in campus security
- 2 <u>identified by the agency.</u>
- 3 (g) The agency may engage a third party as necessary to
- 4 enable the agency to monitor the implementation and operation of
- 5 school district safety and security requirements under this
- 6 section.
- 7 (h) The agency may require a school district to submit
- 8 <u>information necessary for the agency to monitor the implementation</u>
- 9 and operation of school district safety and security requirements
- 10 under this section, including:
- 11 (1) notice of an event requiring a district's
- 12 emergency response including the discovery of a firearm on a
- 13 campus; and
- 14 (2) information regarding the district's response and
- 15 use of emergency operations procedures during an event described by
- 16 Subdivision (1).
- 17 <u>(i) The agency may review school district records as</u>
- 18 necessary to ensure compliance with this subchapter and Subchapter
- 19 G.
- 20 (j) Any document or information collected, identified,
- 21 developed, or produced relating to the monitoring of school
- 22 district safety and security requirements under this section is
- 23 confidential under Sections 418.177 and 418.181, Government Code,
- 24 and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.
- 25 <u>(k) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to</u>
- 26 administer this section.
- Sec. 37.1084. REGIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY REVIEW TEAMS. (a) In

- 1 this section:
- 2 (1) "Office" means the office of school safety and
- 3 security established under Section 37.1083.
- 4 (2) "Team" means a school safety review team
- 5 established under this section.
- 6 (b) The office shall establish a school safety review team
- 7 in each region served by a regional education service center. A
- 8 team shall annually conduct on-site general intruder detection
- 9 audits of school district campuses in the team's region. In
- 10 conducting an intruder detection audit, a team must:
- 11 (1) use a rubric developed by the office in
- 12 consultation with the Texas School Safety Center;
- 13 (2) not later than the seventh day before the date of a
- 14 scheduled audit, notify the superintendent of the school district
- in which the campus being audited is located; and
- 16 (3) on completion of the audit, provide to the
- 17 superintendent and school safety and security committee
- 18 established under Section 37.109 for the school district in which
- 19 the campus is located a report on the results of the audit that
- 20 includes recommendations and required corrective actions to
- 21 address any deficiencies in campus security identified by the team.
- 22 <u>(c) A regional education service center shall provide</u>
- 23 support as necessary to assist the region's team in conducting
- 24 intruder detection audits under this section.
- 25 (d) A report produced by a team under this section is
- 26 confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
- 27 Government Code.

- 1 Sec. 37.1085. ASSIGNMENT OF CONSERVATOR FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
- 2 WITH SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. (a) The
- 3 commissioner may assign a conservator under Chapter 39A if a school
- 4 district fails to:
- 5 (1) submit to any required monitoring, assessment, or
- 6 audit under Section 37.1083 or 37.1084;
- 7 (2) comply with applicable safety and security
- 8 <u>requirements; or</u>
- 9 (3) address in a reasonable time period, as determined
- 10 by commissioner rule, issues raised by the agency's monitoring,
- 11 assessment, or audit of the district under Section 37.1083 or
- 12 37.1084.
- 13 (b) A conservator assigned to a district under this section
- 14 may exercise the powers and duties of a conservator under Section
- 15 39A.003 only to correct a failure identified under Subsection (a).
- 16 SECTION 11. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
- 17 amended by adding Section 37.1131 to read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 37.1131. NOTIFICATION REGARDING VIOLENT ACTIVITY. (a)
- 19 The agency shall develop model standards for providing notice
- 20 regarding violent activity that has occurred or is being
- 21 investigated at a school district campus or other district facility
- 22 or at a district-sponsored activity to parents, guardians, and
- 23 other persons standing in parental relation to students who are
- 24 assigned to the campus, regularly use the facility, or are
- 25 attending the activity, as applicable. The standards must:
- 26 (1) include electronic notification through text
- 27 messaging and e-mail;

- 1 (2) provide an option for real-time notification; and
- 2 (3) protect student privacy.
- 3 (b) Each school district shall adopt a policy for providing
- 4 notice described by Subsection (a) in a manner that meets the
- 5 standards adopted under that subsection.
- 6 SECTION 12. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
- 7 amended by adding Section 37.116 to read as follows:
- 8 <u>Sec. 37.116. EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAP. Each school district</u>
- 9 and open-enrollment charter school shall provide to the Department
- 10 of Public Safety and all appropriate local law enforcement agencies
- 11 and emergency first responders an accurate map of each district
- 12 campus and school building.
- 13 SECTION 13. Sections 37.2071(b), (c), (d), (f), (g), and
- 14 (h), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 15 (b) A school district or public junior college district
- 16 shall submit its multihazard emergency operations plan to the
- 17 center:
- 18 (1) not later than the 30th day after the date [on
- 19 request of] the center requests the submission; and
- 20 (2) in accordance with the center's review cycle
- 21 developed under Subsection (a).
- (c) The center shall review each district's multihazard
- 23 emergency operations plan submitted under Subsection (b) and:
- 24 (1) verify the plan meets the requirements of Section
- 25 37.108; or
- 26 (2) provide the district with written notice:
- 27 (A) describing the plan's deficiencies; [and]

1 (B) <u>including specific recommendations to</u>

2 correct the deficiencies; and

- 3 <u>(C)</u> stating that the district must correct the
- 4 deficiencies in its plan and resubmit the revised plan to the
- 5 center.
- 6 (d) If a district fails to submit its multihazard emergency
- 7 operations plan to the center for review <u>following a notification</u>
- 8 by the center that the district has failed to submit the district's
- 9 plan, the center shall provide the district with written notice
- 10 stating that the district must hold a public hearing under Section
- 11 <u>37.1081</u>[÷
- 12 [(1) has failed to submit a plan; and
- [(2) must submit a plan to the center for review and
- 14 verification].
- 15 (f) If one month [three months] after the date of initial
- 16 notification of a plan's deficiencies under Subsection (c)(2) [or
- 17 failure to submit a plan under Subsection (d) a district has not
- 18 corrected the plan deficiencies [or has failed to submit a plan],
- 19 the center shall provide written notice to the district and agency
- 20 that the district has not complied with the requirements of this
- 21 section and must comply immediately.
- 22 (g) If a school district still has not corrected the plan
- 23 deficiencies three [or has failed to submit a plan six] months after
- 24 the date of initial notification under Subsection (c)(2) [or (d)],
- 25 the center shall provide written notice to the school district
- 26 stating that the district must hold a public hearing under Section
- 27 37.1081.

- 1 (h) If a school district has failed to submit a plan, the
- 2 notice required by Subsection (d) [(g)] must state that the
- 3 commissioner is authorized to appoint a conservator under Section
- 4 37.1082.
- 5 SECTION 14. Section 37.2091, Education Code, is amended by
- 6 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:
- 7 (b-1) A school district must confirm that a person is
- 8 <u>included in the registry established under Subsection (b) before</u>
- 9 the district may engage the person to provide school safety or
- 10 security consulting services to the district.
- 11 SECTION 15. Section 48.115, Education Code, is amended by
- 12 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (a-1) and
- 13 (b-1) to read as follows:
- 14 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), [From funds
- 15 appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner shall provide to a
- 16 school district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the sum
- 17 of the following amounts or a greater [in the] amount provided by
- 18 appropriation:
- 19 (1) \$16,800 for each campus with 1,100 or more
- 20 enrolled students;
- 21 (2) \$16,000 for each campus with 600 to 1,099 enrolled
- 22 students;
- 23 (3) \$15,500 for each campus with 350 to 599 enrolled
- 24 students; and
- 25 (4) \$15,000 for each campus with 349 or fewer enrolled
- 26 <u>students</u> [for each student in average daily attendance].
- 27 (a-1) A school district campus that provides only virtual

- 1 instruction or utilizes only facilities not subject to the
- 2 district's control is not included for purposes of determining a
- 3 school district's allotment under Subsection (a).
- 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
- (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 <u>measures</u> [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, and individuals trained in restorative discipline and
- 9 restorative justice practices;
- 10 (ii) providing mental health personnel and
- 11 support;
- 12 (iii) providing behavioral health
- 13 services;
- 14 (iv) establishing threat reporting
- 15 systems; and
- 16 (v) developing and implementing programs
- 17 focused on restorative justice practices, culturally relevant
- 18 instruction, and providing mental health support; and
- 19 (4) providing programs related to suicide prevention,
- 20 intervention, and postvention.
- 21 (b-1) The agency may designate certain technologies that a
- 22 school district, in using funds allocated under this section, may
- 23 purchase only from a vendor approved by the agency.
- SECTION 16. Section 65.003(a), Family Code, is amended to
- 25 read as follows:
- 26 (a) A child engages in truant conduct if the child is
- 27 required to attend school under Section 25.085, Education Code, and

- 1 fails to attend school on six [10] or more days or parts of days
- 2 within an eight-week [a six-month] period in the same school year.
- 3 SECTION 17. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
- 4 by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:
- 5 (q) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
- 6 commission shall require an officer to complete a training program
- 7 on responding to an active shooter as provided by the Advanced Law
- 8 Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State
- 9 University--San Marcos, or a similar organization approved by the
- 10 commission. An officer shall complete the program not later than
- 11 the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under
- 12 this chapter unless the officer completes the program as part of the
- 13 officer's basic training course. Completion of a training program
- 14 under this subsection satisfies any other requirement for the
- 15 officer to complete a training program on responding to active
- 16 <u>shooters</u>, including under Section 37.0812(a), Education Code.
- SECTION 18. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code,
- 18 is amended by adding Section 1701.2635 to read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 1701.2635. ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR OFFICERS AT
- 20 PUBLIC SCHOOLS. (a) This section applies to a:
- 21 (1) school district peace officer as defined by
- 22 <u>Section 1701.262; and</u>
- (2) school resource officer as defined by Section
- 24 1701.601.
- 25 (b) An officer to whom this section applies shall complete a
- 26 <u>one-time training program on responding to an active shooter as</u>
- 27 provided by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training

- 1 Center at Texas State University--San Marcos, or a similar
- 2 organization approved by the commission, before or within two years
- 3 of beginning to provide law enforcement services at a public
- 4 primary or secondary school.
- 5 (c) Completion of a training program under this section
- 6 satisfies any other requirement that the officer complete a
- 7 training program on responding to active shooters, including under
- 8 Section 37.0812(a), Education Code.
- 9 SECTION 19. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
- 10 date of this Act, the Texas Education Agency shall establish the
- 11 office of school safety and security and the governor shall appoint
- 12 the director of that office as required by Section 37.1083,
- 13 Education Code, as added by this Act.
- 14 (b) As soon as practicable after the office of school safety
- 15 and security has been established, the office shall establish
- 16 school safety review teams in each region served by a regional
- 17 education service center as required by Section 37.1084, Education
- 18 Code, as added by this Act.
- 19 SECTION 20. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
- 20 date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall
- 21 adopt rules to implement Sections 1701.253(q) and 1701.2635,
- 22 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.
- 23 (b) The minimum curriculum requirements under Section
- $24\ 1701.253(\mbox{\sc q})$, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply only to
- 25 an officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on or
- 26 after January 1, 2024.
- 27 (c) Notwithstanding Section 1701.2635, Occupations Code, as

- 1 added by this Act, an officer who holds a license under Chapter
- 2 1701, Occupations Code, on September 1, 2023, and to whom that
- 3 section applies shall complete the training program required by
- 4 that section not later than September 1, 2025.
- 5 SECTION 21. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
- 6 over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
- 7 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
- 8 codes.
- 9 SECTION 22. Sections 7.028, 25.095, and 25.0951, Education
- 10 Code, as amended by this Act, Chapter 37, Education Code, as amended
- 11 by this Act, and Section 65.003, Family Code, as amended by this
- 12 Act, apply beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.
- 13 SECTION 23. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
- 14 this section, this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a
- 15 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 18 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.
- 19 (b) Section 48.115, Education Code, as amended by this Act,
- 20 takes effect September 1, 2023.