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S.B. No. 1241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the permissible use of the school safety allotment
3 under the Foundation School Program for certain mental health
4 services.

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

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

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

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

- 22 (2) mental health services, including:
- 23 (A) programs relating to suicide prevention,
 - 24 intervention, and postvention;

1 (B) telehealth and other related programs that
2 allow students and families to access mental health services from
3 licensed professionals;

4 (C) prevention and treatment programs relating
5 to addressing adverse childhood experiences;

6 (D) evidence-based, effective prevention
7 practices for the prevention, identification, and management of
8 emergencies and threats, including:

9 (i) providing licensed counselors, social
10 workers, and individuals trained in restorative discipline and
11 restorative justice practices;

12 (ii) providing other mental health
13 personnel and support;

14 (iii) providing behavioral health
15 services;

16 (iv) establishing threat reporting
17 systems; and

18 (v) developing and implementing programs
19 focused on restorative justice practices, culturally relevant
20 instruction, and mental health support;

21 (3) 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
25 agencies, such as entering into a memorandum of understanding for
26 the assignment of school resource officers to schools in the
27 district; and

1 (4) [~~(3)~~] school safety and security training and
2 planning, including[+
3 [~~(A)~~] active shooter and emergency response
4 training[+
5 [~~(B)~~ prevention and treatment programs relating
6 to addressing adverse childhood experiences, and
7 [~~(C)~~ the prevention, identification, and
8 management of emergencies and threats, using evidence-based,
9 effective prevention practices and including:
10 [~~(i)~~ providing licensed counselors, social
11 workers, and individuals trained in restorative discipline and
12 restorative justice practices,
13 [~~(ii)~~ providing mental health personnel and
14 support,
15 [~~(iii)~~ providing behavioral health
16 services,
17 [~~(iv)~~ establishing threat reporting
18 systems, and
19 [~~(v)~~ developing and implementing programs
20 focused on restorative justice practices, culturally relevant
21 instruction, and providing mental health support, and
22 [~~(4)~~ providing programs related to suicide
23 prevention, intervention, and postvention].

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