

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 1720
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 17, 2023,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0, one
 1-5 present not voting; April 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the confidentiality of the identity of a public school
 1-24 employee who reports a potential threat to the school's threat
 1-25 assessment and safe and supportive school team.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 37.115(c), Education Code, is amended to
 1-28 read as follows:

1-29 (c) The board of trustees of each school district shall
 1-30 establish a threat assessment and safe and supportive school team
 1-31 to serve at each campus of the district and shall adopt policies and
 1-32 procedures for the teams. The team is responsible for developing
 1-33 and implementing the safe and supportive school program under
 1-34 Subsection (b) at the district campus served by the team. The
 1-35 policies and procedures adopted under this section must:

1-36 (1) be consistent with the model policies and
 1-37 procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center;

1-38 (2) require each team to complete training provided by
 1-39 the Texas School Safety Center or a regional education service
 1-40 center regarding evidence-based threat assessment programs; ~~and~~

1-41 (3) require each team established under this section
 1-42 to report the information required under Subsection (k) regarding
 1-43 the team's activities to the agency; and

1-44 (4) provide for:

1-45 (A) a district employee who reports a potential
 1-46 threat to a team to elect for the employee's identity to be
 1-47 confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
 1-48 Government Code, except as necessary for the team, the district, or
 1-49 law enforcement to investigate the potential threat; and

1-50 (B) the district to maintain a record of the
 1-51 identity of a district employee who elects for the employee's
 1-52 identity to be confidential under Paragraph (A).

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
 1-54 school year.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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