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S.B. No. 2273

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring semiannual school safety meetings in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0833 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0833. SCHOOL SAFETY MEETINGS. (a) The sheriff of a county with a total population of less than 300,000 in which a public school is located, shall call and conduct semiannual meetings to discuss:

(1) school safety;

(2) coordinated law enforcement response to school violence incidents;

(3) law enforcement agency capabilities;

(4) available resources;

(5) emergency radio interoperability;

(6) chain of command planning; and

(7) other related subjects proposed by a person in attendance at the meeting.

(b) The following persons shall attend a meeting called under Subsection (a):

(1) the sheriff or the sheriff's designee;

(2) the police chief of a municipal police department in the county or the police chief's designee;

1 (3) each elected constable in the county or the
2 constable's designees;

3 (4) each police chief of a school district's police
4 department or school district security coordinator from each school
5 district located in the county;

6 (5) a representative of the Department of Public
7 Safety assigned to the county;

8 (6) a person appointed to a command staff position at
9 an emergency medical service in the county;

10 (7) a person appointed to a command staff position at a
11 municipal emergency medical service in the county;

12 (8) a person appointed to a command staff position at a
13 fire department in the county; and

14 (9) any other person the sheriff considers
15 appropriate.

16 (c) As soon as practicable after a meeting under Subsection
17 (a), the sheriff shall submit a notice to the Texas School Safety
18 Center identifying the attendees of the meeting and a statement of
19 compliance with this provision. The Texas School Safety Center
20 shall publish the notice on the center's Internet website.

21 (d) A meeting under this section shall be conducted as a
22 closed, nonpublic meeting that is not subject to the open meetings
23 law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

24 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
25 of this Act, the sheriff of a county described by Section
26 37.0833(a), Education Code, as added by this Act, shall call a
27 meeting as provided by that section.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.