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S.B. No. 11

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to security in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.108 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.108. MULTHAZARD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN; SECURITY AUDIT. (a) Each school district shall adopt and implement a multihazard emergency operations plan for use in district schools. The plan must address mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery as recommended by the United States Department of Homeland Security. The plan must provide for:

(1) district employee training in responding to an emergency;

(2) mandatory school drills to prepare district students and employees for responding to an emergency;

(3) measures to ensure coordination with local emergency management agencies, law enforcement, and fire departments in the event of an emergency; and

(4) the implementation of a security audit as required by Subsection (b).

(b) At least once every three years, a school district shall conduct a security audit of the district's facilities. To the extent possible, a district shall follow security audit procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center or a comparable public

1 or private entity.

2 (c) A school district shall report the results of the
3 security audit conducted under Subsection (b) to the district's
4 board of trustees.

5 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 37.203, Education Code,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The center is advised [~~governed~~] by a board of directors
8 composed of:

9 (1) the attorney general, or the attorney general's
10 designee;

11 (2) the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

12 (3) the executive director of the Texas Juvenile
13 Probation Commission, or the executive director's designee;

14 (4) the executive director of the Texas Youth
15 Commission, or the executive director's designee;

16 (5) the commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental
17 Health and Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's designee; and

18 (6) the following members appointed by the governor
19 with the advice and consent of the senate:

20 (A) a juvenile court judge;

21 (B) a member of a school district's board of
22 trustees;

23 (C) an administrator of a public primary school;

24 (D) an administrator of a public secondary
25 school;

26 (E) a member of the state parent-teacher
27 association;

1 (F) a teacher from a public primary or secondary
2 school;

3 (G) a public school superintendent who is a
4 member of the Texas Association of School Administrators;

5 (H) a school district police officer or a peace
6 officer whose primary duty consists of working in a public school;
7 and

8 (I) two members of the public.

9 SECTION 3. Section 37.205, Education Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 37.205. SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS. The center shall
12 conduct for school districts a safety training program that
13 includes:

14 (1) development of a positive school environment and
15 proactive safety measures designed to address local concerns;

16 (2) school safety courses for law enforcement
17 officials, with a focus on school district police officers and
18 school resource officers;

19 (3) discussion of school safety issues with parents
20 and community members; and

21 (4) assistance in developing a multihazard emergency
22 operations plan for adoption under Section 37.108 [~~specialized~~
23 ~~training for the staff of alternative education programs and~~
24 ~~juvenile justice alternative education programs~~].

25 SECTION 4. Subchapter G, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
26 amended by adding Section 37.2051 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 37.2051. SECURITY CRITERIA FOR INSTRUCTIONAL

1 FACILITIES. The center shall develop security criteria that school
2 districts may consider in the design of instructional facilities.

3 SECTION 5. Section 37.208, Education Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 37.208. ON-SITE ASSISTANCE. On request of a school
6 district, the center may [~~shall~~] provide on-site technical
7 assistance to the district for:

8 (1) school safety and security audits; and

9 (2) school safety and security information and
10 presentations.

11 SECTION 6. Subsection (b), Section 37.215, Education Code,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 (b) The center [~~board~~] shall biannually prepare a budget
14 request [~~for the center~~] for submission to the legislature.

15 SECTION 7. Subchapter A, Chapter 46, Education Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 46.0081 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 46.0081. SECURITY CRITERIA IN DESIGN OF INSTRUCTIONAL
18 FACILITIES. A school district that constructs a new instructional
19 facility or conducts a major renovation of an existing
20 instructional facility using funds allotted to the district under
21 this subchapter shall consider, in the design of the instructional
22 facility, security criteria developed by the Texas School Safety
23 Center under Section 37.2051.

24 SECTION 8. Sections 37.206 and 37.213, Education Code, are
25 repealed.

26 SECTION 9. (a) Not later than December 1, 2005, the Texas
27 School Safety Center shall:

1 (1) develop a school safety program that includes
2 assistance to school districts in developing a multihazard
3 emergency operations plan as required by Section 37.205, Education
4 Code, as amended by this Act; and

5 (2) develop security criteria for the construction and
6 renovation of school district instructional facilities as required
7 by Section 37.2051, Education Code, as added by this Act.

8 (b) Not later than March 1, 2006, each school district shall
9 adopt a multihazard emergency operations plan as required by
10 Section 37.108, Education Code, as added by this Act.

11 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend S.B. 11 (on page 1, lines 10 and 11 of Engrossed version), by striking "as recommended by the United States Department of Homeland Security" and replacing with "as defined by the Texas School Safety Center in conjunction with the state office of homeland security".

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend S.B. No. 11 in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 37.108(a)(3), Education Code (engrossed version, page 1, line 18), strike "and".

(2) In added Section 37.108(a), Education Code (engrossed version, page 1, line 20), strike the period and substitute:

; and

(5) a system for providing immediate notification through a variety of communication methods to the parents or guardians of affected district students in the event of an emergency.

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