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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. MULTI-HAZARD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN; SECURITY AUDIT. (a) Each school district shall adopt and implement a multi-hazard emergency operations plan that addresses mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery as recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for use in district schools. 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 a safety and security audit procedure developed by the Texas School Safety Center or a

1 comparable 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. Section 37.205, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 37.205. SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS. The center shall
8 conduct for school districts a safety training program that
9 includes:

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

12 (2) school safety courses for law enforcement
13 officials, with a focus on school district police officers and
14 school resource officers;

15 (3) discussion of school safety issues with parents
16 and community members; ~~and~~

17 (4) specialized training for the staff of disciplinary
18 alternative education programs and juvenile justice alternative
19 education programs; and

20 (5) assistance in developing a multi-hazard emergency
21 operations plan for adoption under Section 37.108.

22 SECTION 3. Subchapter G, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
23 amended by adding Section 37.2051 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 37.2051. SECURITY CRITERIA FOR INSTRUCTIONAL
25 FACILITIES. The center shall develop security criteria that school
26 districts may consider in the design of instructional facilities.

27 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 46, Education Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 46.0081 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 46.0081. SECURITY CRITERIA IN DESIGN OF INSTRUCTIONAL
3 FACILITIES. A school district that constructs a new instructional
4 facility or conducts a major renovation of an existing
5 instructional facility using funds allotted to the district under
6 this subchapter shall consider, in the design of the instructional
7 facility, security criteria developed by the Texas School Safety
8 Center under Section 37.2051.

9 SECTION 5. (a) Not later than December 1, 2005, the Texas
10 School Safety Center shall:

11 (1) develop a school safety program that includes
12 assistance to school districts in developing a multi-hazard
13 emergency operations plan as required by Section 37.205, Education
14 Code, as amended by this Act; and

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

18 (b) Not later than March 1, 2006, each school district shall
19 adopt a multi-hazard emergency operations plan as required by
20 Section 37.108, Education Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.