

By: Rodriguez of Travis

H.B. No. 1353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency response alarms at 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 37.111 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.111. EMERGENCY RESPONSE ALARMS. (a) Each school district shall equip each district school with three or more electronic alarms designed to be used to alert law enforcement of the need for an emergency response. The alarm must be easy to activate and may be controlled by a button.

(b) The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a policy for placement and use at the district's schools of the alarms described by Subsection (a). The policy must:

(1) require that:

(A) at least one of the alarms be placed in the school principal's office; and

(B) another of the alarms be placed in another location at the school;

(2) require that a designated school employee wear a mobile version of the alarm at school throughout each school day; and

(3) permit activation of an alarm, other than in a drill, only in response to a threat, or perceived threat, posed by a person carrying a firearm on school premises.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.