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H.B. No. 3655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of the School Safety Advisory Council  
3 and School Safety Certification Program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 418, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 418.0426 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 418.0426. SCHOOL SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) The  
8 Chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, or a designee  
9 of the Chief, the Director of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid  
10 Response Training Center, or a designee of the Director, the  
11 Director of the Texas School Safety Center, or a designee of the  
12 Director, and the Agency Director of the Texas A&M Engineering  
13 Extension Service, or a designee of the Agency Director, shall  
14 establish a School Safety Advisory Council.

15 (1) The Chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management,  
16 or a designee of the Chief, shall serve as the chair of the School  
17 Safety Advisory Council.

18 (2) The council shall study best practices for use in school  
19 multi-hazard emergency operations planning in order to make  
20 recommendations to the Texas School Safety Center and the Office of  
21 Homeland Security.

22 (3) The council shall consider input from school safety  
23 personnel, first responders, emergency managers, local officials,  
24 school districts, educators, nonprofit organizations, and other

1 stakeholders in order to make its recommendations.

2 (4) The council shall report its findings, including  
3 recommendations for any necessary statutory changes, to the  
4 legislature before September 1, 2014, and every subsequent  
5 even-numbered year.

6 SECTION 2. Article 37.2051, Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 37.2051. ~~SECURITY CRITERIA FOR INSTRUCTIONAL~~  
9 ~~FACILITIES. SCHOOL SAFETY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.~~ (a) The center,  
10 shall develop security criteria that school districts may consider  
11 in the design of instructional facilities. in consultation with the  
12 School Safety Advisory Council, shall create a School Safety  
13 Certification Program for school districts that meet the following  
14 eligibility criteria:

15 (1) in the district's multihazard emergency operations  
16 plan, the district includes physical security measures, a plan to  
17 communicate with parents and the media in the event of an emergency,  
18 and an outline of safety training for school personnel;

19 (2) the district demonstrates to the center that the  
20 district conducts a minimum of one emergency drill for lockdown,  
21 evacuation, reverse evacuation, weather, and shelter-in-place each  
22 year;

23 (3) the district has updated its school safety and  
24 security audit and reported the results to the Texas School Safety  
25 Center as required by Sec 37.108(c), Education Code; and

26 (4) other eligibility criteria as recommended by the  
27 School Safety Advisory Council under Sec. 418.0426, Government

1 Code.

2           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.