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H.B. No. 3596

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school safety and the prevention of school violence.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.081, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) The commissioner may develop programs to assist school district peace officers in the performance of their duties, including information systems programs to promote improved collection and dissemination of information for the purpose of school safety and violence prevention, including situational awareness.

SECTION 2. Section 37.084, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The commissioner may provide access to appropriate data systems to assist in the collection of records for the purpose of school safety and violence prevention.

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.1031 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.1031. ASSISTANCE FOR PROTECTION OF FACILITIES. The commissioner may provide assistance to school peace officers and other law enforcement agencies for the protection of school facilities.

SECTION 4. Section 37.108, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1 (e) The commissioner may provide school districts, public
2 junior college districts, and other law enforcement agencies access
3 to data and information management systems to aid in preparation of
4 the multihazard emergency operations plan in such a manner as to
5 improve school safety and violence prevention.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.