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H.B. No. 974

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public school safety measures and procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.108(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) At least once every two [~~three~~] years, each school district or public junior college district shall conduct a safety and security audit of the district's facilities. To the extent possible, a district shall follow safety and security audit procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center or a comparable public or private entity.

SECTION 2. Sections 38.022(a) and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A school district shall [~~may~~] require a person who enters a district campus for a purpose other than to attend a school-sponsored event that is open to the public to display the person's driver's license or another form of identification containing the person's photograph issued by a governmental entity.

(c) A school district shall [~~may~~] verify whether a person who visits [~~visitor to~~] a district campus for a purpose other than to attend a school-sponsored event that is open to the public is a sex offender registered with the computerized central database maintained by the Department of Public Safety as provided by Article 62.005, Code of Criminal Procedure, or any other database

1 accessible by the district.

2 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
3 school year.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.