

1-1 By: Metcalf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Taylor) H.B. No. 974
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2019;
1-3 May 8, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to public school safety measures and procedures.
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23 SECTION 1. Section 11.159, Education Code, is amended by
1-24 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:
1-25 (b-1) The State Board of Education shall require a trustee
1-26 to complete training on school safety. The state board, in
1-27 coordination with the Texas School Safety Center, shall develop the
1-28 curriculum and materials for the training.
1-29 SECTION 2. Section 38.022, Education Code, is amended by
1-30 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (c-1),
1-31 (c-2), and (e) to read as follows:
1-32 (a) A school district shall ~~may~~ require a person who
1-33 enters a district campus for a purpose other than to attend a
1-34 school-sponsored event that is open to the public to display the
1-35 person's driver's license or another form of identification
1-36 containing the person's photograph issued by a governmental entity.
1-37 (c) A school district shall ~~may~~ verify whether a person
1-38 who visits ~~visitor to~~ a district campus for a purpose other than
1-39 to attend a school-sponsored event that is open to the public is a
1-40 sex offender registered with the computerized central database
1-41 maintained by the Department of Public Safety as provided by
1-42 Article 62.005, Code of Criminal Procedure, or any other database
1-43 accessible by the district.
1-44 (c-1) A school district may verify whether a person who
1-45 visits a district campus to attend a school-sponsored event that is
1-46 open to the public is a sex offender registered with the
1-47 computerized central database maintained by the Department of
1-48 Public Safety as provided by Article 62.005, Code of Criminal
1-49 Procedure, or any other database accessible by the district.
1-50 (c-2) A school district may:
1-51 (1) develop a form of identification containing a
1-52 person's photograph that is valid only during the school year for
1-53 which it is issued; and
1-54 (2) issue that form of identification to a student's
1-55 parent or guardian who does not possess any other form of
1-56 identification described by Subsection (a).
1-57 (e) For purposes of this section, an event is a
1-58 school-sponsored event that is open to the public if the event is
1-59 held on a district campus and individuals other than district
1-60 employees or students are encouraged, invited, or permitted to
1-61 attend.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
2-2 school year.

2-3 SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2020, the State Board
2-4 of Education, in coordination with the Texas School Safety Center,
2-5 shall develop the curriculum and materials for the training on
2-6 school safety required under Section 11.159(b-1), Education Code,
2-7 as added by this Act.

2-8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-12 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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