BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 668 makes available to child care facilities and other organizations providing out-of-time school care such as 4-H, after school programs, summer camps, and youth sports organizations active shooter training courses provided by school districts under Section 25.0815 of the Texas Education Code.

The legislation requires school districts to make this training available at no cost to such organizations, and cover the costs from money made available for this purpose by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

S.B. 668 gives TEA the authority to solicit and accept gifts, grants, or donations from public and private sources to defray the cost of offering active shooter training to child care facilities and out-of-time school care organizations.

As proposed, S.B. 668 amends current law relating to requiring school districts to make available certain school safety training courses to employees of child-care facilities and certain organizations providing out-of-school-time care.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, by adding Section 37.119, as follows:

Sec. 37.119. CHILD-CARE AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME CARE PROVIDER ACCESS TO SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING. (a) Defines "child-care facility" and "organization providing out-of-school-time care."

- (b) Requires a school district to make available at no cost school safety training courses, including active shooter training courses, approved under Section 25.0815 (Operation and Instructional Time Waivers for School Safety Training) to employees of child-care facilities and other organizations providing out-of-school-time care to children younger than 18 years of age who reside in the district, from money available for the purpose.
- (c) Authorizes the Texas Education Agency to solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source to pay the cost of offering a school safety training courses under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.