By:  West S.B. No. 668

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton         X

Campbell             X

Bettencourt          X

Birdwell             X

Flores               X

King                 X

LaMantia             X

Menéndez             X

Middleton            X

Parker               X

Paxton               X

Springer             X

West                 X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 668 By:  Bettencourt

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to allowing school districts to make available certain school safety training courses to employees of certain private schools, child-care facilities, or organizations providing out-of-school-time care.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.119 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.119.  CERTAIN PRIVATE PROVIDER ACCESS TO SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Accredited private school" means a private school accredited by an organization recognized by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission or the agency.

(2)  "Child-care facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code.

(3)  "Organization providing out-of-school-time care" includes a faith-based organization, a before-school or after-school program, a summer camp, a Texas 4-H or other agricultural program, and a youth sports organization.

(b)  From money available for the purpose, a school district may make available at no cost school safety training courses, including active shooter training courses, approved under Section 25.0815 and determined to be appropriate by the district's school safety and security committee established under Section 37.109, to employees of accredited private schools located in the district or child-care facilities or other organizations providing out-of-school-time care to children younger than 18 years of age who reside in the district.

(c)  The agency may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source to pay the cost of offering a school safety training course under this section.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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