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H.B. No. 2111

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the employment of certain federal law enforcement agents as school district security personnel and the authority of the chief of school safety and security for the Texas Education Agency to carry a weapon on public school grounds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.081(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of trustees of any school district may employ security personnel, enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency for the provision of school resource officers, and commission peace officers to carry out this subchapter. If a board of trustees authorizes a person employed as security personnel to carry a weapon, the person must be a commissioned peace officer or a current or former licensed federal law enforcement agent who is authorized to carry a weapon while on duty. The jurisdiction of a peace officer, a school resource officer, or security personnel under this section shall be determined by the board of trustees and may include all territory in the boundaries of the school district and all property outside the boundaries of the district that is owned, leased, or rented by or otherwise under the control of the school district and the board of trustees that employ the peace officer or security personnel or that enter into a memorandum of understanding for the provision of a

1 school resource officer.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 37.089 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 37.089. CHIEF OF SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY.
5 Notwithstanding Section 46.03(a)(1), Penal Code, an individual
6 appointed by the governor as chief of school safety and security for
7 the agency may carry a weapon on the grounds of any school district
8 or open-enrollment charter school campus or facility in this state
9 if the individual is a commissioned peace officer or a current or
10 former licensed federal law enforcement agent who is authorized to
11 carry a weapon while on duty.

12 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
13 school year.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.