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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the permissible uses of the school safety allotment under the public school finance system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.115(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Funds allocated under this section must be used to improve school safety and security, including costs associated with:

(1) securing school facilities, including:

(A) improvements to school infrastructure;

(B) the use or installation of physical barriers;

and

(C) the purchase and maintenance of:

(i) security cameras or other security equipment; and

(ii) technology, including communications systems or devices, that facilitates communication and information sharing between students, school personnel, and first responders in an emergency;

(2) providing security for the district, including:

(A) employing school district peace officers, private security officers, and school marshals; and

(B) collaborating with local law enforcement

1 agencies, such as entering into a memorandum of understanding for
2 the assignment of school resource officers to schools in the
3 district;

4 (3) school safety and security training and planning,
5 including:

6 (A) active shooter and emergency response
7 training;

8 (B) prevention and treatment programs relating
9 to addressing adverse childhood experiences; and

10 (C) the prevention, identification, and
11 management of emergencies and threats, using evidence-based,
12 effective prevention practices and including:

13 (i) providing licensed counselors, social
14 workers, and individuals trained in restorative discipline and
15 restorative justice practices;

16 (ii) providing mental health personnel and
17 support;

18 (iii) providing behavioral health
19 services;

20 (iv) establishing threat reporting
21 systems;

22 (v) providing professional development
23 opportunities for educators regarding classroom behavioral
24 management; and

25 (vi) [~~(v)~~] developing and implementing
26 programs focused on restorative justice practices, culturally
27 relevant instruction, and providing mental health support; and

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1 (4) providing programs related to suicide prevention,
2 intervention, and postvention.

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