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S.B. No. 1037

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a committee to develop school safety and security rules and standards for newly constructed school facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7.061, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) In adopting or amending rules under Subsection (b), the commissioner shall incorporate the new school facility safety and security rules and standards developed under Section 7.0615.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.0615 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.0615. NEW SCHOOL FACILITY SAFETY AND SECURITY RULES AND STANDARDS. (a) The commissioner, in collaboration with the Texas School Safety Center, shall establish a committee to develop rules and standards for required school safety and security features for newly constructed school district and open-enrollment charter school facilities.

(b) Any school district or open-enrollment charter school facility for which construction commences on or after January 1, 2024, must comply with the rules and standards developed by the committee under this section.

(c) The agency shall publish the rules and standards developed under this section on the agency's Internet website.

1 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than October 1, 2023, the
2 commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, in collaboration with
3 the Texas School Safety Center, shall establish the committee
4 required under Section 7.0615, Education Code, as added by this
5 Act.

6 (b) Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas Education
7 Agency shall publish on its Internet website the rules and
8 standards developed under Section 7.0615, Education Code, as added
9 by this Act.

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