

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 2273  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 22, 2023, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 8, 2023,  
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0; May 8, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2273 By: Flores

1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to requiring semiannual school safety meetings in certain  
 1-25 counties.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is  
 1-28 amended by adding Section 37.0833 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 37.0833. SCHOOL SAFETY MEETINGS. (a) The sheriff of a  
 1-30 county with a total population of less than 300,000 in which a  
 1-31 public school is located, shall call and conduct semiannual  
 1-32 meetings to discuss:

- 1-33 (1) school safety;
- 1-34 (2) coordinated law enforcement response to school  
 1-35 violence incidents;
- 1-36 (3) law enforcement agency capabilities;
- 1-37 (4) available resources;
- 1-38 (5) emergency radio interoperability;
- 1-39 (6) chain of command planning; and
- 1-40 (7) other related subjects proposed by a person in  
 1-41 attendance at the meeting.

1-42 (b) The following persons shall attend a meeting called  
 1-43 under Subsection (a):

- 1-44 (1) the sheriff or the sheriff's designee;
- 1-45 (2) the police chief of a municipal police department  
 1-46 in the county or the police chief's designee;
- 1-47 (3) each elected constable in the county or the  
 1-48 constable's designees;
- 1-49 (4) each police chief of a school district's police  
 1-50 department or school district security coordinator from each school  
 1-51 district located in the county;
- 1-52 (5) a representative of the Department of Public  
 1-53 Safety assigned to the county;
- 1-54 (6) a person appointed to a command staff position at  
 1-55 an emergency medical service in the county;
- 1-56 (7) a person appointed to a command staff position at a  
 1-57 municipal emergency medical service in the county;
- 1-58 (8) a person appointed to a command staff position at a  
 1-59 fire department in the county; and
- 1-60 (9) any other person the sheriff considers

2-1 appropriate.

2-2 (c) As soon as practicable after a meeting under Subsection  
2-3 (a), the sheriff shall submit a notice to the Texas School Safety  
2-4 Center identifying the attendees of the meeting and a statement of  
2-5 compliance with this provision. The Texas School Safety Center  
2-6 shall publish the notice on the center's Internet website.

2-7 (d) A meeting under this section shall be conducted as a  
2-8 closed, nonpublic meeting that is not subject to the open meetings  
2-9 law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

2-10 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
2-11 of this Act, the sheriff of a county described by Section  
2-12 37.0833(a), Education Code, as added by this Act, shall call a  
2-13 meeting as provided by that section.

2-14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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