

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Youth Health & Safety, Select

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR170 by King, Ken (proposing a constitutional amendment creating the state school safety fund to provide financial support for projects that enhance the safety of public schools in this state.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HJR170, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$204,406) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$204,406.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$204,406)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from New Other</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023</i>
2024	(\$245,738)	(\$204,406)	1.3
2025	(\$330,814)	\$0	2.0
2026	(\$330,814)	\$0	2.0
2027	(\$330,814)	\$0	2.0
2028	(\$330,814)	\$0	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

This resolution would propose an amendment to Article VII of the Texas Constitution, to create the State School Safety Fund (SSSF) to provide financial support for projects that enhance the safety of schools in Texas. The bill identifies potential SSSF funding sources, which include money appropriated to the fund, money transferred or deposited to the fund, revenue from any source as determined by the legislature, investment

earnings and interest, and surplus funds from funds appropriated for the support and maintenance of public schools.

Methodology

According to the Permanent School Fund Corporation, the approval of the proposed amendment to Article VII by voters would result in a cost to the SSSF of \$576,551 and 2.0 FTEs for the biennium. The agency states that one Investment Analyst V and one Accountant VI would be necessary for the purposes of managing the SSSF assets and the administration of the grant.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that funds were available for the State School Safety Fund and could be used to reimburse districts for qualifying expenses, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) could see an increase in funding.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 701 Texas Education Agency, 706 Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation

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