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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 124 |
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| Public Education |
| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  After the passage of H.B. 3 by the 88th Legislature, which addressed multiple school safety measures, education professionals and advocates have informed the committee that public school districts need additional funding to adequately fulfill school safety requirements. C.S.H.B. 124 seeks to address this funding discrepancy by increasing the school safety allotment through the per campus allotment amount and per student allotment amount. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  C.S.H.B. 124 amends the Education Code to change the amount of the school safety allotment to which a public school district is entitled in the following ways:   * by increasing from $10 to $14 the base amount for each student in average daily attendance; and * by increasing from $15,000 to $37,000 the amount per campus.   The bill requires each district, not later than December 1 of each year, to submit to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) a report accounting for the expenditure of funds received under the school safety allotment. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2025. |
| **COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE**  While C.S.H.B. 124 may differ from the introduced in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.  The substitute includes a requirement not present in the introduced for each district, not later than December 1 of each year, to submit to TEA a report accounting for the expenditure of school safety allotment funds. |