

**RESOLUTION OF THE
DEVINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Devine Independent School District (“Devine ISD” or “District”) is committed to the safety and security of all students and staff at Devine ISD; and

WHEREAS, the 88th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3 addressing school safety and security to include amending the Texas Education Code by adding Section 37.0814, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, requiring the board of trustees of a public school district to determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 37.0814 requires an armed security officer at each campus during regular school hours, and each armed security officer must be a school district peace officer, school resource officer, or commissioned peace officer employed as security (referred to collectively as, “commissioned peace officer”); and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 37.0814(c) provides a good cause exception for Districts that are not able to provide a commissioned officer at every campus during regular school hours due to the availability of funding or lack of qualified commissioned peace officers, so long as school districts develop an alternative standard for compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the District qualifies for the good cause exception(s), due to a lack of funding and the shortage of available commissioned peace officers in the District’s geographical area;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has developed an alternative as outlined in Texas Education Code 37.0814(c) for the safety and security of students and staff, by a combination of contracting with the Devine Police Department for the provision of two school resource officers and by authorizing District employees, who have been trained by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under Section 411.1901 of the Texas Government Code, to carry a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations (commonly referred to as “School Guardian Program”); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Devine Independent School District has determined, pursuant to Texas Education Code 37.0814(c), that the District qualifies for the good cause exception to providing armed security officers at each individual campus during regular school hours, and has developed a suitable alternative for providing safe and secure campuses by a combination of contracting with the Devine Police Department for the provision of a school resource officer that patrols the Devine ISD campuses during regular school hours, and by approving individuals through the School Guardian Program at each of the Devine ISD Campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby finds that the District in determining this good cause exception and establishing the alternative standard is in compliance with Texas Education Code 37.0814; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the meeting Minutes of the Devine ISD Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent shall take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement this resolution in compliance with State and Federal law and District policies, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and to ensure that documentation is maintained related to the district's implementation of and compliance with these laws, including documentation related to the good cause exception and to provide said documentation to the Texas Education Agency as prescribed.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of Devine Independent School District during a lawfully called meeting on September 21, 2026. A quorum of the Board being then present, a motion was made to accept the resolution and seconded, such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: _____
Noes: _____

Abstentions _____

President

Board Secretary