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Texas School Safety Center



Greetings,

Now that the 88th Legislative Session has concluded, the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) would like to inform you of a new requirement related to the **Texas School Safety and Security Consultant Registry** (Registry).

Section <u>37.2091</u> of the Texas Education Code (TEC) was amended to include subsection (b-1). This amendment requires school districts to confirm that a person is included in the Registry before the district may engage the person to provide school safety or security consulting services to the district. This requirement became effective on **September 1, 2023**.

Districts that utilize individuals not employed by the district for school safety or security consulting services must ensure that they are on the Registry. Per TEC 37.2091(a), school safety and security consulting services includes any service provided to a school district, institution of higher education, district facility, or campus by a person consisting of advice, information, recommendations, data collection, or safety and security audit services relevant to school safety and security, regardless of whether the person is paid for those services.

The following professionals are **NOT** required to register with the TxSSC:

- District Employees (Employees carrying out their assigned job duties for their employing district.)
- Education Service Center Specialists (Employees carrying out their assigned job duties for their assigned region.)
- School Marshals

- Guardians
- Private Security Guards
- School Based Law Enforcement Personnel

To confirm the status of a safety and security consultant, please visit the **Registry**. If you have any questions regarding the Registry, please contact the Registry Team at **txssc\_registry@txstate.edu**.

Thank you,

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