



KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for House Bill 3 Armed Security Officer Requirement

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires the board of trustees of each school district to determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the board to ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that at least one armed security officer at each campus be a commissioned peace officer, namely a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that if the board of trustees of a school district is unable to comply with this section, the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's noncompliance is due to the availability of funding or qualified personnel;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 was amended during the 89th Texas Legislative Session (2025) to by adding Section 37.0814(d-1) to state that a good cause exception claimed by the board of trustees will expire on the first anniversary of the date it is claimed and must be evaluated to determine if the board can comply with Section 37.0814 or must renew the good cause exception for a term of one year, to be reevaluated each subsequent year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Killeen Independent School District hereby determines that the School District is unable to ensure that at least one armed security officer, as defined by law, is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees determines that:

The District's noncompliance is due to lack of available qualified personnel for campuses located at U.S Army Garrison Fort Hood. Fort Hood is home to the 89th Military Police Brigade, a subordinate unit of the III Armored Corps. Police officers conduct standard police and security operations for the post, and one officer has been designated as a School Resource Officer for KISD. This officer checks campuses as part of a roving patrol but is not assigned to any specific campus. The Fort Hood Police Department is not adequately staffed to provide a dedicated officer for each of the eight campuses. Additionally, officers employed at Fort Hood Police Department remain members of the U.S. Army and are subject to deployments and training rotations, which also limits the availability of officers to staff each campus. KISD has been able to staff all campuses not associated with Fort Hood with either a KISD Police Officer or a commissioned security officer who has completed the Texas Department of Public Safety Level II or III training course, is licensed under the Texas Occupations Code 1702 and is contracted to KISD through Divergent Security Solutions, in accordance with Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will continue to coordinate with the Killeen ISD Police Department and Fort Hood to develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Section 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code, and as discussed in Closed Session on February 17, 2026.

Additionally, Killeen ISD will continue to pursue concurrent jurisdiction with Fort Hood in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2204, Section 2204.104 Authority to Accept Concurrent Jurisdiction of This State Over United States Military Installations, to resolve the need for the good cause exception presented and become fully compliant with Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 17th day of February, 2026.

KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brett E. Williams, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Brenda Adams, Secretary
Board of Trustees