



Weatherford Independent School District Board Agenda Item

The mission of the Weatherford ISD is to educate, engage, and empower all students in a safe and positive learning environment to discover and reach their greatest potential.

Date

August 25, 2025

Administrator(s) Preparing Report

Beau Rees, Ed.D., Superintendent

Subject

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

Background Information

The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3, which creates an unfunded mandate for school boards to ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each campus. The new law requires that the armed security officer 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 Texas Education Code § 37.081. Texas Education Code § 37.0814 provides that if a school board is unable to comply with this requirement, the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's noncompliance is due to the lack of availability of funding or qualified personnel.

Strategic Plan Information

- ☒ Relates to Strategic Goal #1 – Focus on Student Success
- ☒ Relates to Strategic Goal #2 – Focus on Students, Parents, and Communities
- ☒ Relates to Strategic Goal #3 – Focus on Operational Excellence
- ☐ Relates to Strategic Goal #4 – Focus on Employees and Organizational Development
- ☐ Relates to Strategic Goal #5 – Focus on Stewardship

Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends the approval of the resolution based on the WISD Guardian and School Marshal Programs meeting the alternate standard to comply with this requirement.