



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: Good Cause Exception
Use of Security Personnel

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ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

House Bill 3 (HB 3) was passed during the 88th Texas Legislature in 2023 and later signed into law by the governor. HB 3 focuses on school safety and was in part a response to the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas. The bill in part includes an increase to the school safety allotment, mandates evidence-based mental health training of certain staff, establishes the Office of School Safety and Security in the Texas Education Agency to working in coordination with the Texas School Safety Center and with regional education service centers to provide ongoing support and oversight of safety practices, mandates school district peace officers or school resource officers to complete active shooter training at least once in each four year period, established a regional school safety team to annually conduct intruder detection audits and requires each campus have an armed security officer.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Sec. 37.0814. ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIRED.

- (a) The board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus. The board must ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus.
- (b) A security officer described by Subsection (a) must be:
 - (1) a school district peace officer;
 - (2) a school resource officer; or
 - (3) a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081.
- (c) If the board of trustees of a school district is unable to comply with this section, the board may claim a good cause exception from the requirement to comply with this section if the district's noncompliance is due to the availability of:
 - (1) funding; or
 - (2) personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer described by Subsection (a).
- (d) The board of trustees of a school district that claims a good cause exception under Subsection (c) must develop an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, which may include providing a person to act as a security officer who is:
 - (1) a school marshal; or

(2) a school district employee or a person with whom the district contracts
who:

(A) has completed school safety training provided by a qualified handgun
instructor certified in school safety under Section 411.1901, Government Code; and

(B) carries a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations or
written authorization of the district under Section 46.03(a)(1)(A), Penal Code.

(e) The board of trustees of a school district must develop and maintain documentation of
the district's implementation of and compliance with this section, including documentation
related to a good cause exception claimed under Subsection (c), and shall, if requested by the
agency, provide that documentation to the agency in the manner prescribed by the agency.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

District administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the resolution as presented.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval