

**Belton Independent School District**  
***Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item***

***July 21, 2025***

**Item:** Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Resolution to Claim a Good Cause Exception Regarding Texas House Bill 3

**Contact Person:** Cassandra Spearman

**Presented for:** ☒ Action    ☐ Report Only

**Supporting Documents:**    ☐ None    ☒ Attached    ☐ Provided Later

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**District Goal or Objective Addressed:**

Goal 2: Ensure exceptional learning experiences for each and every student.

**Background Information:**

On June 14, 2023 Texas House Bill 3 was signed into law. As a result, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires that the board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus to include an armed district peace officer, school resource officer (SRO), or commissioned peace officer. If a District is unable to find adequate staff as defined above, a good cause exception must be claimed and an alternate standard must be adopted by the Board of Trustees. Staffing resources are not available to meet the standard of adding SROs at each campus; therefore, we will adopt an alternative standard.

On August 31, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution to claim a good cause exception, which allowed the district to contract for armed security officers and 9 SROs.

On June 20, 2025, Texas House Bill 121 was signed into law, requiring school boards to review and renew the Good Cause Exception.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Cost of adding 19 armed security officers based on pricing submitted through the request for proposal process.

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

Approve the resolution to claim a Good Cause Exception as presented.