

**Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for House Bill 3
Armed Security Officer Requirement
No. 0925-004**

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires the Board of Trustees of each school district shall 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 of Trustees 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of DeSoto Independent School District hereby determines that the 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 a lack of available qualified personnel. The City of DeSoto and the City of Glenn Heights Police Departments have vacancies in their departments.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, have developed the following alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code. The Board of Trustees authorizes the use of Level 3 Commissioned DeSoto ISD Security Officers as regularly assigned armed personnel for campuses not covered by the district's School Resource Officers.

Adopted this 29th day of September 2025, by the Board of Trustees.

Chasiti McKissic, President, Board of Trustees
DeSoto Independent School District

ATTEST:

Cynthia Watson Banks, Secretary, Board of Trustees
DeSoto Independent School District