

Update 114 Local Policy Overview, Presented by TASB Policy Service

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Slides 1 and 2 Introduction	<p>Hello, and welcome to a brief overview of the local policy recommendations included in Update 114, presented by TASB Policy Service.</p> <p>Our primary goal for this overview is to review the local policies in this update affected by the 86th Legislative Session and revised guidance offered by the Texas Education Agency and the State Board of Education. You should also review your own district’s customized Update 114 materials for your specific policy recommendations. Please remember that (LEGAL) policies provide the legal framework for key areas of district operations; they are not adopted by the board.</p>
Slide 3 BDAF	<p>This policy change only applies to the few districts that had a BDAF(LOCAL) in their manual addressing employment of tax officials. In this update, we have moved the statutory language related to that local policy from BDAF(LEGAL) to CCG(LEGAL). For most districts with (LOCAL) policy at this code, the policy is recommended for deletion, since board-adopted local policy is not necessary.</p>
Slide 4 BE	<p>Senate Bill 494 changed the time required to post notice of an emergency meeting from two hours to one hour prior to the meeting. The district’s BE(LOCAL) has been revised to reflect this change. The same bill also clarified what constitutes an emergency or urgent public necessity that would permit the board to call an emergency meeting.</p> <p>Another bill, Senate Bill 1640, only impacted BE(LEGAL). The bill added provisions on prohibited series of communications among board members to address what is commonly referred to as a “walking quorum.” The bill also updated the definition of deliberation to include written communication. Board members should review the sections in BE(LEGAL) titled Deliberation and Prohibited Series of Communications for more information.</p>
Slide 5 BED	<p>You are likely familiar with House Bill 2840. The bill requires a school board to permit public comment on posted agenda items at all school board meetings. This includes regular meetings, special meetings, or board workshops. To comply with the new law, revisions have been made to BED(LOCAL). The recommended policy requires that public comment on an agenda item occur before board consideration of the item. The other recommended revisions clarify that public comment is permitted at regular meetings on any topic, whether it is posted on the agenda or not. While at special meetings, public comment is only permitted on topics listed on the agenda.</p> <p>Recommended for removal from the policy is the overall time limit for public comment and the provision requiring delegations of five or more to appoint a spokesperson.</p>

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	<p>A new section has been added to the policy that permits the presiding officer to make adjustments to the procedures when a large number of individuals wish to address the board. This is intended to allow for efficient management of the board meeting.</p> <p>The district should contact its policy consultant if the board wishes to limit public comment to only agenda items at all meetings, to revise the individual time limit to address the board, or to make any other adjustments to this policy.</p>
Slide 6 CCGB	<p>For those districts with a CCGB(LOCAL) regarding the Texas Economic Development Act, you will find a more streamlined policy in this update. The revised policy includes those key provisions that should be reflected in the district's local policy.</p>
Slide 7 CDA	<p>House Bill 2706 now permits districts to invest bond proceeds or pledged revenue. However, the law prohibits the district from investing bond proceeds in no-load mutual funds. CDA(LOCAL) has been revised to include bond proceeds and pledged revenue as permissible investment instruments to the extent permitted by law.</p> <p>The other revision in this policy renames agency funds to custodial funds in response to changes in guidance from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, also known as GASB.</p>
Slide 8 CH	<p>A small but significant change is recommended to CH(LOCAL). A new provision has been added to assign to the superintendent the responsibility to develop purchasing procedures to implement requirements of state and federal laws.</p>
Slide 9 CKC	<p>CKC(LOCAL) has been revised in response to bills related to the district's emergency operations plan. House Bill 2195 now requires the plan to include procedures for responding to an active shooter emergency. To comply with Senate Bill 11, the policy now requires the plan to include procedures that ensure a substitute teacher has access to campus buildings and materials necessary to carry out duties during an emergency or an emergency drill.</p>

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Slide 10 CKE	CKE(LOCAL) has been revised to incorporate two requirements from Senate Bill 1707. First, the bill prohibits district police officers or school resource officers, also known as SROs, from being assigned routine discipline or school administrative tasks. The policy has been updated to reflect this prohibition. The bill also requires the board to determine the law enforcement duties of the district’s police officers and any SROs and to include these duties in the district improvement plan, the student code of conduct, and other relevant district publications. If the district hires SROs, their duties would also be included in the memorandum of understanding that the district has with the law enforcement agency providing the SROs.
Slide 11 CQB	CQB(LOCAL) is a new policy code that includes recommended language for a cybersecurity policy as required by Senate Bill 820. The new policy addresses the cybersecurity plan as well as the cybersecurity training of employees and board members required by House Bill 3834. This new code is also where provisions on security breaches can now be found. The security breach provisions have been moved here from policy CQ and have been revised to address when the district must report security breaches to the Texas Education Agency in accordance with Senate Bill 820.
Slide 12 DFFA	House Bill 3 moved provisions on reduction of funding from Education Code Chapter 42 to Chapter 48. Since the cross-reference regarding furloughs provides sufficient guidance to the relevant legal authority, the citation to the Education Code has been removed from the policy.
Slide 13 DH/GKA	House Bill 1143 prohibits a district from regulating the manner in which a handgun, a firearm, or ammunition is stored in a locked vehicle in a district parking area, provided the item is not in plain view. DH(LOCAL), the policy related to employees, and GKA(LOCAL), the policy that applies to visitors, reflect this new law by removing language requiring firearms in locked vehicles to be unloaded.
Slide 14 EHBB	The changes in EHBB(LOCAL) result from House Bill 3 and the newly adopted Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students. The policy now includes required provisions regarding the use of GT funds and annual compliance certification to the commissioner that the district’s GT program is consistent with the GT state plan. The text regarding the gifted and talented selection committee has been broadened since there is no longer a requirement to specify if the committee is established at the campus- or district-level. The language regarding reassessments and transfer students is now more flexible. Lastly, references to nominating students for the program are deleted throughout this policy.

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Slide 15 ELA	House Bill 3 moved provisions on funding regarding partnership charters from Education Code Chapter 42 to Chapter 48. The recommended change revises the citations to reflect the legislative change.
Slide 16 FDE	TEA’s recent revisions to the Unsafe School Choice Option Guidance Handbook prompted changes to FDE(LOCAL). The list of violent criminal offenses for which a victim is eligible for a transfer to another school within the district has been updated to reflect these changes.
Slide 17 FFAA	The UIL has added a rule that requires students who participate in marching band to receive a pre-participation physical in accordance with the UIL’s established schedule. FFAA(LOCAL) has been revised to broaden the policy language to accommodate future changes to UIL rules on physicals and to allow the superintendent to designate other extracurricular programs for which the district will require physicals.
Slide 18 FFB	<p>Senate Bill 11 requires that districts establish threat assessment and safe and supportive school teams to serve campuses. FFB(LOCAL) has been developed to address the policy requirements imposed by this bill. The district’s policies and procedures must be consistent with the model policies and procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center. TASB collaborated with the Texas School Safety Center to develop this recommended policy.</p> <p>The Texas School Safety Center advises that district procedures need to be individualized to fit each district’s unique circumstances. The Texas School Safety Center’s website has numerous resources to assist the district in implementing this new law, including a Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management toolkit.</p>
Slide 19 FFBA	FFBA(LOCAL) is another new policy, which addresses trauma-informed care. The policy addresses the requirements included in Senate Bill 11. The details of the district’s trauma-informed care program must be included in the district improvement plan. The policy makes reference to the elements required in the district’s program, including increasing staff and parent awareness of trauma-informed care, required training, and available counseling options for students affected by trauma or grief. The policy also affirms that the district shall report training compliance to TEA.
Slide 20 FL	FL(LOCAL) has been revised to assist with the implementation of the district’s safe and supportive school program as required by Senate Bill 11. The provision at Access by School Officials clarifies that a person appointed to a team that supports the safe and supportive school program may access student records if the person has a legitimate educational interest in the records.

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Slide 21 GBAA	Finally, Senate Bill 494 permits the board in a district impacted by a catastrophe to temporarily suspend the Public Information Act, or PIA. GBAA(LOCAL) includes new recommended provisions to delegate to the superintendent the authority to approve the initial suspension period of up to seven consecutive days and to provide all required notices. For an extension beyond that seven-day period, the law requires the board to determine whether the district is still impacted by the catastrophe. Thus, the policy requires the board to approve an extension.
Slide 22 Thank You!	That covers the local policies in Update 114 for most districts. As always, we hope you found this overview helpful. Should you have any questions or want further clarification, please feel free to contact your assigned TASB policy consultant. You can find your consultant's contact information at policy.tasb.org .