

# Update 126: It's Not That Scary

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- Attendees cannot unmute or chat.
- Please submit your questions in the Q&A.



# Objectives



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Policy Alert

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Other  
Considerations

# Timeline

Legislative session ends;  
June 2, 2025



TASB researches and revises;  
June-September



TASB publishes MSHB and  
MSCOC; mid July



TASB recommends revisions to local  
policies and sample forms and  
procedures; mid October-mid November

# Harmony with Law – BF(LOCAL)



# Board & Administration

- Administrators recommend policy
- Board adopts policy





# Legal Framework Changes in Update 126



# Section 1: Local Policies in Update 126



# BE(LOCAL) Board Meetings

- Board meetings must be outside of typical work hours (SB 12)
- 72 hours' changed to three business days for public notice (HB 1522)
- Voting needs to be a record vote; therefore, voice vote may no longer be permitted (SB 413)



# BED(LOCAL) Public Participation

- Emphasis that public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting (SB 12)





# CJ(LOCAL) Contracted Services

- Prohibition of diversity, equity, and inclusion (SB 12)
- Prohibited classroom instruction (SB 12)



# CQB(LOCAL) Cybersecurity

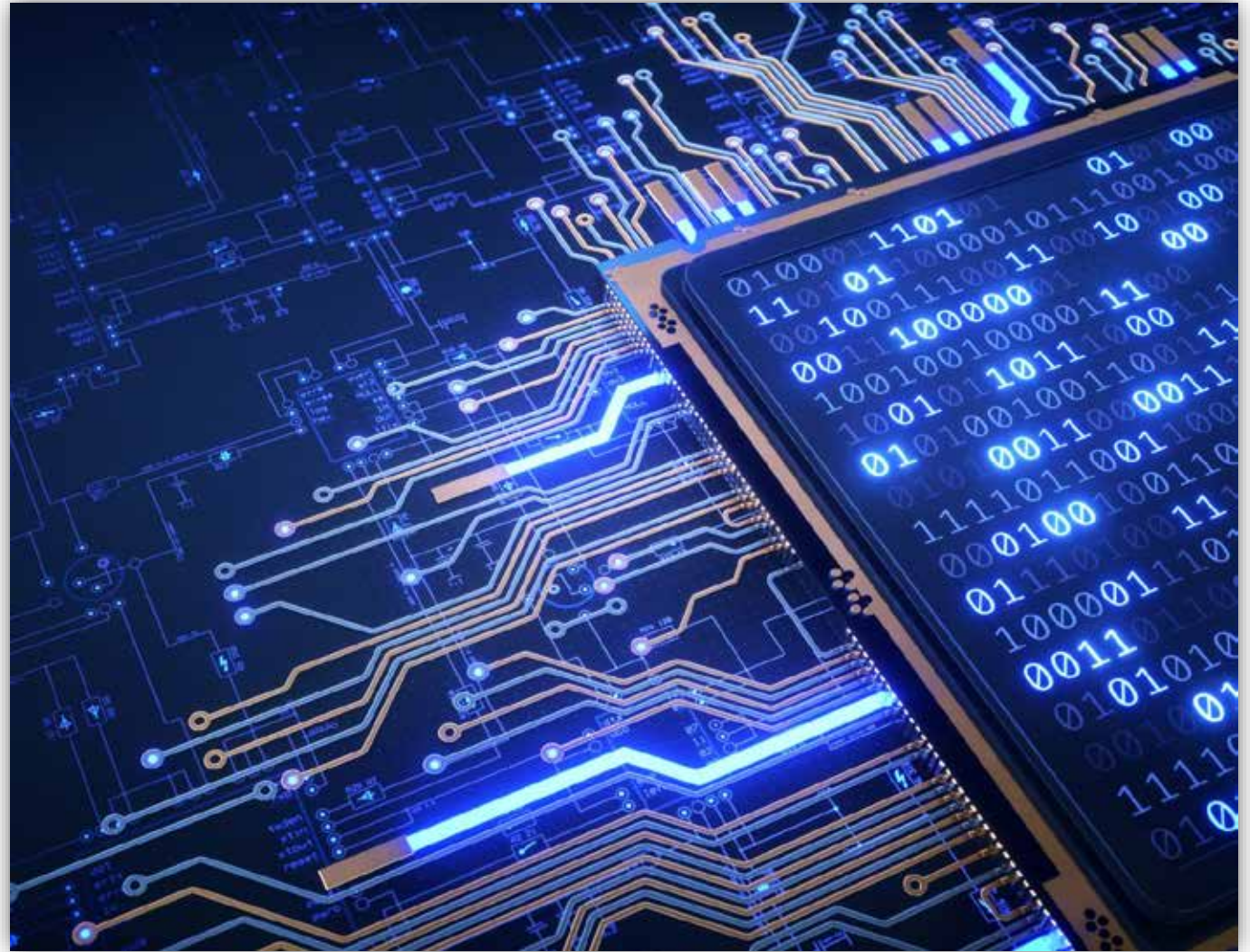
- Notifications for a cybersecurity incident (HB 150)





# CQD(LOCAL) Artificial Intelligence

- New code regarding required training for AI as well as use of AI within the district (HB 3512)



# CSA(LOCAL) Safety and Security

- Provisions added regarding designation and use of private spaces (SB 8)





# CV(LOCAL) Facilities Construction

- Language change for competitive purchasing threshold in relation to construction contracts (SB 1173)



# DBD(LOCAL) Conflict of Interest

- Statement added regarding personal services performed by an administrator (HB 3372)



# DEC(LOCAL) Leaves and Absences

- Statement added regarding daily rate of pay (HB 2)
- Exception added for concurrent use of paid leave (HB 2)



# DFBB(LOCAL) Nonrenewal

- Reasons added for nonrenewal of a term contract (SB 12)





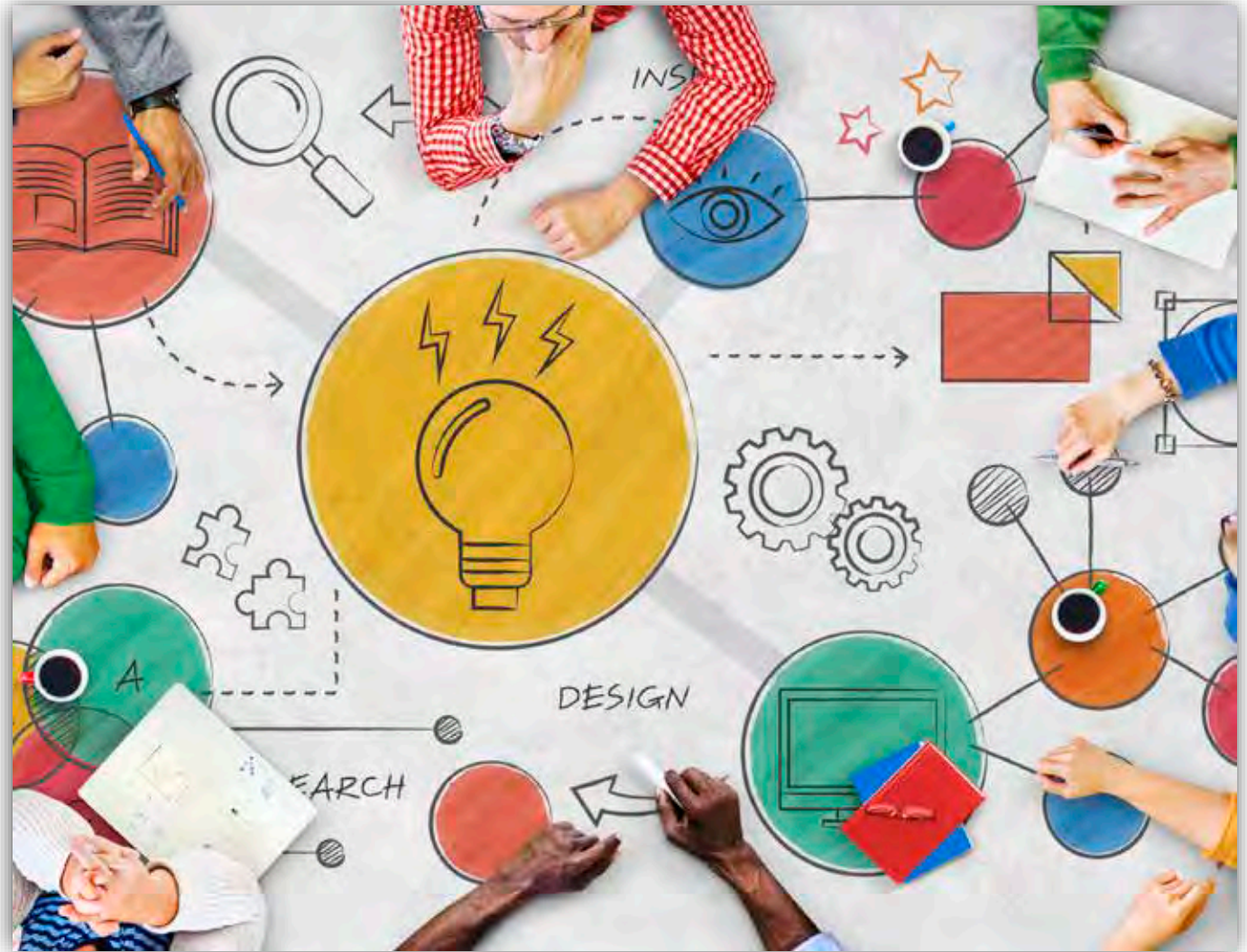
# DH(LOCAL) Employee Standards of Conduct

- Provisions added on prohibited classroom instruction and prohibited DEI duties (SB 12)
- Provisions added regarding prohibited assistance with social transitioning (SB 12)



# EEP(LOCAL) Lesson Plans

- New code regarding posting of instructional plans and course syllabi (SB 12)





# EFA(LOCAL) Instructional Materials

- Provisions added regarding parent request for instructional material review (SB 12)



# EIA(LOCAL) Grading/Progress Reports to Parents

- Districts must now provide at least two opportunities for in-person parent-teacher conferences each year (SB 12)





# FA(LOCAL) Parent Rights and Responsibilities

- New code regarding a parent portal (SB 12)



# FEF(LOCAL) Released Time

- Provisions added listing the requirements for a student to attend a released time course (SB 1049)



# FFAC(LOCAL) Medical Treatment

- Nonprescription medication provided by parent is in accordance with legal requirements (SB 920)
- Delivery system options for epinephrine (SB 1619)





# FFB(LOCAL) Crisis Intervention

- Provisions added regarding notification to teaching staff of threat (HB 2)



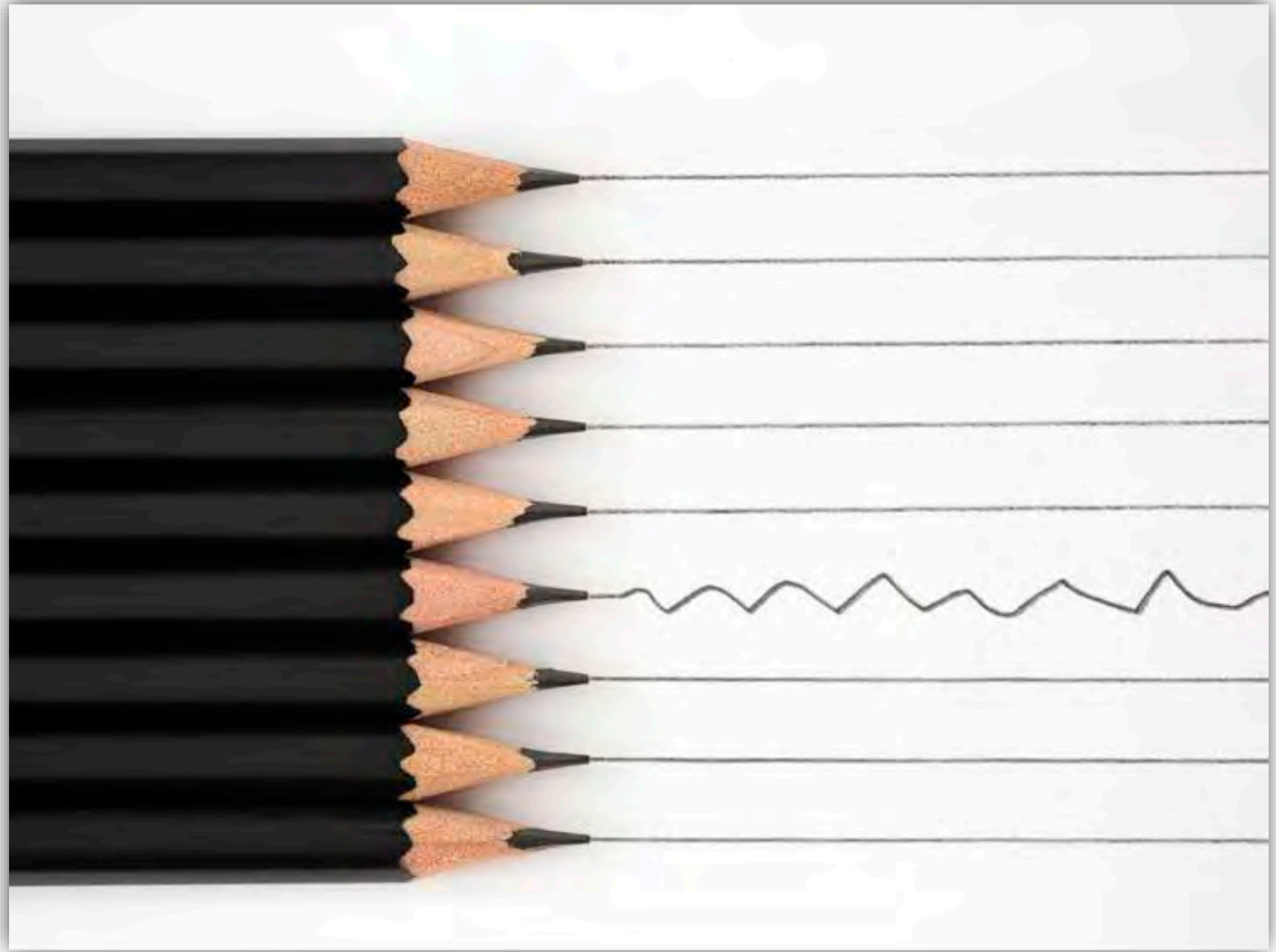
# FFF(LOCAL) Student Safety

- Adjusted text to clarify this policy applies to more than just educators (HB 2)



# FFG(LOCAL) Child Abuse and Neglect

- Reporting timeline changed from 48 to 24 hours (SB 571)



## **FNG(LOCAL) Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances (DGBA and GF as well)**

- Timelines changed (SB 12)
- Must hold a hearing (SB 12)
- Complaints against employees (SB 12)
- District must ensure policy and forms are easily accessible on district website (SB 12)



# FO(LOCAL) Student Discipline

- Optional provisions regarding parental involvement in disciplinary placements (HB 6)





# GKA(LOCAL) Conduct on School Premises

- DOI exemptions no longer permitted from anything in Chapter 37
- Weapons exception is for an individual who holds a handgun license in accordance with state law (SB 706)



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### Numbered Updates

Update packets containing TASB-recommended policy changes.

### Local District Updates

Recent policy changes initiated locally.

### View Pending Policies

View a list of policies pending board or administrative action.

# UPDATE 126

Do you print your own hard copies? Don't forget to save a copy of the Update Packet (pdf).

- [Update Packet - Complete \(PDF\)](#)
- [Update Packet - \(LOCAL\) Policies \(PDF\)](#)

TASB Policy Service offers several resources to help district administrators and board members understand the changes contained in policy updates:

- Webinar video featuring an overview of the latest legislative outcomes and how they'll shape your district's board policies
- Webinar presentation (pdf)
- Webinar handout (pdf)
- [Annotated Legal Framework](#) packet (pdf) showing the annotated revisions to the legal framework for each code

Your policy consultant can help draft any changes needed to the local policies included in this update.

## Additional Resources

- [Policy 101 Video](#)
- [Administrator's Guide to Policy Management](#)



# Annotated Legal Framework

## HB 2

### Membership



#### General Team Composition

The superintendent shall ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that the members appointed to each team have expertise in counseling, behavior management, mental health and substance use, classroom instruction, special education, school administration, school safety and security, emergency management, and law enforcement. A team may serve more than one campus of a district, provided that each district campus is assigned a team, and in serving a particular campus, the team includes the person designated to serve as the campus behavior coordinator for that campus.

# Section 2: Policy Alert



- Email sent July 8, 2025
- Guidance on administrative and board action
- Policy Alert can be found in the Governance and Management Library on Policy Online®

## Legislative Changes for Your Policy Manual

July 8, 2025

<b>To:</b>	Superintendent, Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, and Policy Contact
<b>Administrative Action:</b>	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the included information and respond to the survey.</li> <li>Recommend policy revisions promptly to meet pressing deadlines and comply with new legal requirements by effective dates</li> </ul>
<b>Board Action:</b>	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the included information.</li> <li>Adopt policy revisions promptly to meet pressing deadlines.</li> </ul>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the information included as soon as possible.</li> <li>Note legal changes that require action before the 2025-26 school year and those that require action in September 2025.</li> <li>After reviewing the information below, one individual from the district should complete and submit the included <a href="#">survey</a> to assist with preparing policy drafts. <b>We would appreciate responses by July 18, 2025.</b></li> </ul>



## EFB(LOCAL) Library Materials (SB 13)

- Changes to how library materials are acquired and challenged
- Optional language for districts that will create a School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)



## FD(LOCAL) Admissions and FM(LOCAL) Student Activities (SB 401)

- Optional opt out of participation in UIL and other activities by homeschool students





## **FNCE(LOCAL) Personal Communication Devices (HB 1481)**

- Prohibit student use of personal communication devices at school during the school day
- Districts may choose not to allow possession on property or to establish processes for storage of such devices during the school day
- Limited exceptions allowable for the use of devices



# SB 12 and Consent Forms

TASB Policy Service has created for member district use a sample resolution relating to Parent Rights and SB 12, as well as sample consent forms for:

- Counseling services and health-related services
- Participation in clubs





# DOI Exemption Changes

No longer allowed to have exemptions related to:

- Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code (HB 6)
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) (SB 12)
- Opt-in for human sexuality instruction (SB 12)
- Phasing out of teacher certification-related exemptions (SB 12 and HB 2)



# Section 3: Other Considerations



- Model Student Handbook (MSHB)
- Model Student Code of Conduct (MSCOC)



# Model Student Handbook



- SB 569: Virtual and Hybrid Education
- HB 121: Safer Storage of Firearms Education
- HB 367: Certification for Absences Related to Severe or Life-Threatening Illness
- HB 1586: Immunization Exception Forms
- SB 207: Mental Health Appointment Absences

# Model Student Code of Conduct



- SB 326: Antisemitism Disciplinary Action
- HB 6: Student Discipline Changes
  - TEA discipline law report
  - Campus Behavior Coordinator (CBC) requirements
  - Removal by teacher changes
  - Disciplinary changes for nicotine delivery devices
  - Suspensions, DAEP, and expulsion changes

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# Resources & Takeaways

- Numbered Update Resources
- Policy Alerts
- BF(LOCAL)
- Your TASB policy consultant





# Questions?



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