

TX Education Code 37.0814 signed into effect November 14, 2023

(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.

Tex. Educ. Code § 37.0814

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TX Government Code 411.1901

(a) The department shall establish a process to enable qualified handgun instructors certified under Section 411.190 to obtain an additional certification in school safety. The process must include a school safety certification course that provides training in the following:

- (1)** the protection of students;
- (2)** interaction of license holders with first responders;
- (3)** tactics for denying an intruder entry into a classroom or school facility; and
- (4)** methods for increasing a license holder's accuracy with a handgun while under duress.

(b) The school safety certification course under Subsection (a) must include not less than 15 hours and not more than 20 hours of instruction.

(c) A qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under this section may provide school safety training, including instruction in the subjects listed under Subsection (a), to employees of a school district or an open-enrollment charter school who hold a license to carry a handgun issued under this subchapter.

(d) The department shall establish a fee in an amount that is sufficient to cover the costs of the school safety certification under this section.

(e) The department may adopt rules to administer this section.

Tex. Gov't. Code § 411.1901