

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda Item

July 20, 2026

Item: 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

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Priority 1: Students - Ensure exceptional learning experiences that bring our “Journey of a Graduate” to life 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 SROs.

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

Fiscal Implications:

Funds are allocated in the 2026-2027 budget.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

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