

Killeen Independent School District Board Agenda Item Action Sheet

Date: April 28, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Amendment of the Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for House Bill 3 Armed Security Officer Requirement to Determine the Appropriate Number of Armed Security Officers for Each Campus in Killeen ISD

Purpose of Agenda Item: Action needed

Administrative Recommendation: Move to amend the existing Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for Texas Education Code 37.0814-Armed Security Officer Requirement by including the determination of the appropriate number of armed security officers for each KISD campus, as presented.

Background Information: House Bill (HB) 3 of the 88th Texas Legislative Session addressed public school safety requirements and funding and was effective September 1, 2023, becoming Texas Education Code 37.0814. The law included requirements related to mental health first aid training for employees, security personnel, armed security officers on campuses, active shooter response training, and school safety consultant registry. Education service centers are tasked to serve as school safety resources for districts, and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will monitor the implementation and operation of requirements related to safety.

The Board initially discussed HB 3 at the August 22, 2023, Regular meeting. To safeguard the integrity of district safety and security plans for the protection of students and staff, part of the discussion took place in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and as allowed by Texas Government Codes 551.076 and 551.089.

Texas Education Code 37.0814 requires that the board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus. KISD Board Policy CKE(LEGAL) affirms that the Board of Trustees will make this determination. The law also requires at least one armed security officer present at each campus during school hours; however, the school board may consider a resolution to claim a good cause exception to this requirement due to lack of funding or lack of personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer as described in Texas Education Code 37.0814 (a) and (b). Texas Education Code 37.081 allows the board to choose alternative options for employing security personnel. These options include employing security personnel, entering into a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency for the provision of school resource officers, contracting with a security services provider licensed under the Texas Occupations Code 1702 or commissioning district peace officers. Killeen ISD established the KISD Police Department in 1989. The department currently employs commissioned peace officers for the purposes of school safety.

House Bill (HB) 3 of the 88th Texas Legislative Session amended Texas Education Code 37.0814 by adding 37.0814(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.

89th Texas Legislature: Two pertinent measures were enacted during the 89th Legislative Session.

House Bill (HB) 121 of the 89th Texas Legislative Session amended Texas Education Code 37.0814 by adding 37.0814 (d-1) to include requirements that 1) any resolution to claim a good cause exception would expire on the first anniversary of the date the exception is claimed; and 2) the board must reevaluate whether or not the board is able to comply with the requirement or will renew the good cause exception. This act became effective September 1, 2025.

Senate Bill (SB) 1271 of the 89th Texas Legislative Session amended Subchapter B, Chapter 2204, Government Code by adding Section 2204.104 Authority to Accept Concurrent Jurisdiction of this State Over United States Military Installations. The amendment allows for the creation of a memorandum of understanding to be created between a state agency or political subdivision and any officer or agency of the United States “for the purpose of coordinating and assigning duties with respect to the concurrent jurisdiction.” Per Section 2204.104 (1), the term “political subdivision” includes a school district. Establishment of this concurrent jurisdiction would allow local and state law enforcement agencies to act on military bases and provide more resources and solutions, especially those that involve juvenile offenders. Creation of the memorandum of understanding would allow KISD police officers to be assigned to on-post campuses. Having officers assigned to these campuses will fulfill the requirements of Texas Education Code 37.0814 and render Killeen ISD fully compliant with the law.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Regulatory Requirements: House Bill 3, 88th Texas Legislative Session
House Bill 121, 89th Texas Legislative Session

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Signature Requested: Yes