

Resolution to Claim a Good Cause Exception for Texas House Bill 3

WHEREAS, Belton ISD is a public school district located in the State of Texas who is subject to the laws of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that if the board of trustees of a school district cannot fund or secure available personnel to place armed officers on each campus, the board may claim a good cause exception and develop an alternative standard with which to comply;

WHEREAS, Belton ISD is unable to secure adequate and qualified personnel to place an armed district peace officer, school resource officer, or commissioned peace officer on each District campus during regular school hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Belton Independent School District hereby determines that, due to the unavailability of adequate personnel, the District is unable to place an armed peace officer, school resource officer, or commissioned peace officer on each district campus during regular school hours.

WHEREAS, Belton ISD's alternative standard to comply is as follows:

- Elementary Schools: 1 armed security guard per campus.
- Middle Schools: 1 armed security guard and 1 half-time SRO per campus.
- Comprehensive High Schools: 1 full-time SRO and 1 part-time SRO per campus.
- New Tech High School: 1 armed guard.
- Alternative Campus: 1 SRO.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district can comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the alternative standard shall include:

- (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, and 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.

Adopted this _____ (*date*) day of _____ (*month*), _____ (*year*), by the Board of Trustees.

Board President's signature: _____

Secretary's signature: _____