

HB 44 (Sub 6), School Security Personnel Standards

⇒ Key Points

- Provides new flexibility for Local Education Agencies (LEA's)
 - o Allows LEA's to use Special Function Officers (more economic option, with training and authority from Sheriff's Office) as armed security.
- Moves Stipend distribution from DPS to USBE School Safety Center
 - o Directs the State Security Chief to move stipend distribution to USBE and consult with the State Board of Education School Safety Center.
 - o Allows LEA's to supplement stipends with local funds.
- Provides Emergency Alert Devices to additional staff.
- Delays implementation date deadlines for Emergency Alert Devices to 2027.
- Allows LEA to create local policy for guardian breaks and reasonable exemptions.
- Allows ANY school employee to participate in the Educator-Protector Program

Additional Summary:

School Guardians and Armed Security

Opens up to Principal/Director without alternative request.

Administrative Leave:

If/when school guardians or armed security guards are required to intervene in a life-threatening emergency, they are placed on administrative leave while local law enforcement completes the investigation. (Existing Law Enforcement Protocol)

Additional Training Flexibility

If an LEA chooses, this bill allows County Security Chiefs to assign qualified entities to train guardians and armed security guards. The County Security Chiefs ensure the organizations meet state training standards, and that they coordinate with local law enforcement.

Visitor Management Protocols

Delineates recommended standards for Visitor Management

- Controlled access points during school hours that require visitors to enter through main entry points and report immediately to a central office area.
- Visitors must present ID and sign-in and sign-out.
- Issue visible ID for display while on school grounds.
- Protocol for monitoring visitors on school grounds.