

**RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AFFIRMING GOOD CAUSE  
EXCEPTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 37.0814(d) OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION  
CODE**

WHEREAS Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires that the board of each school district determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires that the Board of Education ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that at least one armed security officer at each campus be a commissioned peace officer, namely a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's is unable to comply with the section because of a lack of available funding or a lack of qualified personnel;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(e) of the Texas Education Code requires the School Board to reaffirm the need for an exception and re adopt the alternative plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of the Houston Independent School District hereby determines that the District is unable to ensure that at least one armed security officer, as defined by law, is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board hereby renews it's claim for an exception under Section 37.0814(d) and reaffirms the alternative standard developed in September 2023, and reaffirmed in September 2025 by board vote as detailed below:

1. The safety of the students of the students of the Houston Independent School District is a top priority and the District will and continues to take steps to ensure that every student can learn in a safe educational setting.
2. The District's inability to comply with HB 3 is due to lack of available funding and a lack of available qualified personnel.
3. Hiring additional officers for compliance with HB3 (House Bill 3) will create an additional cost to the District of over 15 million dollars.
4. The Superintendent of Schools has developed a safety plan that best meets the District's needs.
5. The Superintendent of Schools will continue to refine and adapt the plan to ensure the security of students, employees, and visitors to HISD buildings.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Houston ISD School Board, continues to claim a good cause exception to Texas Education Code section 38.014 and reaffirms the alternative standard of compliance it adopted in 2023 and reaffirmed in September 2025.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, by the School Board.

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President  
School Board  
Houston Independent School District

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Secretary  
School Board  
Houston Independent School District