

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RENEWING GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION
FOR ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIREMENT**

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

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the board to 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 if the board of trustees of a school district is unable to comply with this section, the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's noncompliance is due to the availability of funding or qualified personnel;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2023, the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a good cause exception in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 37.0814(c);

WHEREAS, effective September 1, 2025, House Bill 121 adds Section 37.0814(d-1) of the Texas Education Code, providing that a good cause exception claimed by the board of trustees of a school district expires on the first anniversary of the date the exception is claimed, requiring the board to reevaluate annually whether the board is able to comply with the law and, if not, renew both the claim for an exception and the alternative standard.

WHEREAS, the Clear Creek Independent School District currently contracts for the services of 47 commissioned peace officers through its Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Officers (SROs) with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office, and additionally has strong relationships with, and close physical proximity to, various other local law enforcement agencies, resulting in every campus having at least one commissioned peace officer present on every campus for at least a substantial portion of every school day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Clear Creek Independent School District hereby renews its claim for a good cause exception due to a lack of qualified commissioned peace officers. Statewide, law enforcement agencies continue to face significant shortages in the supply of qualified

commissioned peace officers. In addition, law enforcement experts continue to advise that the District's current security staffing approach, which relies exclusively on the services of commissioned peace officers who are licensed, trained and regulated in accordance with the high standards established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, best meets the District's safety and security needs.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having renewed its claimed good cause exception, hereby renews the alternative standard developed with which the District is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

Approved this 11th day of August 2025, by the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees.

By: 
Jonathan Cottrell, Board President

Attest: 
Jeff Larson, Board Secretary