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Overview of School Safety Funding in House Bill 1

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Funding for School Safety

House Bill 1 as Introduced includes an additional \$109.4 million in All Funds for school safety initiatives.

School Safety funding is provided at the Health and Human Services Commission and at public and higher education agencies and institutions.

Funding includes:

- \$64.9 million in General Revenue Funds;
- \$43.6 million from the Economic Stabilization Fund (Other Funds); and
- \$0.8 million in Federal Funds.

School Safety Funding at Public Education Agencies

Additional funding for school safety at Public Education agencies includes \$66.4 million in All Funds.

Texas Education Agency: \$54.5 million in All Funds for the Safe and Healthy Schools Initiative, including:

- General Revenue Funds:
 - \$10.0 million for Mental Health First Aid, Telemedicine, trauma-informed care and coordination of access to mental health providers;
 - \$2.0 million and 6.0 FTEs for mental health supports and positive school culture;
- Economic Stabilization Funds:
 - \$20.0 million for grants for mental health and positive school culture programs;
 - \$5.0 million for one FTE at each Regional Education Service Center to support mental health and positive school culture;
 - \$5.0 million for pilot grants for innovative school health and safety programs;
 - \$10.0 million for matching grants to school districts and charters for facility hardening;
 - \$2.5 million for grants to the Texas School Safety Center for emergency response audits;
- TEA funding also includes \$10.0 million in additional General Revenue funding for Communities in Schools.

School Safety Funding at Public Education Agencies (continued)

Texas School for the Deaf: \$1.1 million in All Funds for campus safety staff and infrastructure, including:

- General Revenue Funds:
 - \$0.1 million and 0.9 FTEs for one mental health counselor;
 - \$0.6 million and 5.0 FTEs for school safety and security staff.
- Economic Stabilization Funds:
 - \$0.3 million for campus security equipment.

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired: \$0.8 million in Economic Stabilization Funds for campus security and safety improvements.

School Safety Funding at Higher Education Institutions

Additional Funding for School Safety at Higher Education Institutions includes \$31.2 million in All Funds.

- **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:** \$20.0 million in General Revenue Funds to expand the **Telemedicine Wellness Intervention Triage and Referral (TWITR) Program**.
 - The TWITR project works with Educational Service Centers and school districts by using Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) to identify students at risk for committing school violence and intervening with those students before acts of violence occur.
- **Texas State University:** \$11.2 million in General Revenue Funds, including:
 - \$7.2 million to allow the **School Safety Center** to expand trainings and resource development to a level that would serve all Texas school districts and community colleges;
 - \$4.0 million for **Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)**, which would expand active shooter first responder training offered to Texas law enforcement.

School Safety Funding at the Health and Human Services Commission

Additional funding for school safety at the **Health and Human Services Commission** includes \$11.8 million in All Funds to expand outpatient mental health treatment capacity for children. This funding includes:

- \$11.0 million in General Revenue Funds; and
- \$0.8 million in Federal Funds.



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