

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1387
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Due to growing concerns about school safety, there have been calls to increase the maximum number of school marshals that may be appointed per school campus. H.B. 1387 seeks to implement such a change by raising the authorized ratio of marshals to students for a public school district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school from one marshal per 200 students to one marshal per 100 students.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1387 amends the Education Code to change the maximum number of school marshals that the board of trustees of a public school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school or a private school may appoint from the greater of one marshal per 200 students in average daily attendance per campus or one marshal per campus building or school building, as applicable, at which students regularly receive classroom instruction to the greater of one marshal per 100 students in average daily attendance per campus or one marshal per applicable building. The bill applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.