SUBJECT: Requiring school safety training for trustees of a school district

COMMITTEE: Public Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 13 ayes — Huberty, Bernal, Allen, Allison, Ashby, K. Bell, Dutton, M.

González, K. King, Meyer, Sanford, Talarico, VanDeaver

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — (Registered, but did not testify: Christine Broughal, Texans for

Special Education Reform; Suzi Kennon, Texas PTA)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Matthew Fuller, Sam Houston State University; Monica Martinez, Texas Education Agency; Kathy Martinez-Prather, Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University; Craig

Schiebel)

DIGEST: HB 975 would require the State Board of Education to require a trustee of

an independent school district to complete training on school safety. The

board, in coordination with the Texas School Safety Center, would

develop the curriculum and materials for the training by January 1, 2020.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.